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THE LINCOLN'S LETTER.

Mr. Lincoln's letter to the Union Mass Meeting at Springfield, on the first page of this paper, is one of those remarkably clear and forcible documents that come only from Mr. Lincoln's pen. We do not believe any man who has honest intention and ordinary intelligence himself, can read it without the thorough conviction that the President is not only an honest man, but that he is a wise and patriotic man, pursuing what is indisputably the better way we could speak, because Union men, especially such as those who are assembling at Springfield to-day, need be given no reason for the faith that is in them; we refer to it because of the assurance which it gives that, come what may, the President is steadfast to his purpose to preserve the Union of the States, and that with the intention of making that Union greater peaceful and permanent, he will adhere to all the wise measures that he has heretofore adopted. He will stand by his Proclamation!

We have never doubted ABRAHAM LINCOLN. If we have aforetime quarrelled with his seeming tardiness, and with his choice of agents, we have never questioned his earnestness of purpose, nor the abiding wisdom by which these purposes were to be fully worked out. Least of all, have we ever had any doubt of the firmness of his anti-slavery convictions, nor of his perfect sincerity in impressing them, so far as he could justly do so, upon the policy that his Administration has pursued. Though we have not stood alone, many there are, even among the professed Republicans, who have not shared what we have strongly felt. It has been feared that even he believed upon his Proclamation as a temporary expedient, born of the necessities of the situation, to be adhered to or retracted at a short-sighted and time-serving policy dictated; and that when the moment for attempting compromise might come, he would put it aside as he would an order to move an army, or send a gunboat to sea. Somehow this conviction had hold of the popular mind, and thousands have marked the day of contrast as that in which the utter humiliation of the North and the undisputed supremacy of slavery would begin. The solicitations of faint-hearted friends, the temptations to pave the way for a candidacy of his party for a second term, and the natural disinclination to prolong the war until a permanent victory is won, would, it was feared, so warp the Presidential mind, that in would grow faint-hearted at the moment when safety and patriotism required him to be brave and strong. Though we know that the machinations of politicians some of whom have positions near the President, and whose influence over him is not to be despised, had already begun, and that the lure which was to entice him from duty had already been held up to his eyes, we combated the idle fear that these rumors were entertained. We knew that the man who had triumphed over the opposition to the issuance of the Proclamation—opposition, the power and constitution of which few of our readers have suspected—could not, after having attained the moral height to which that Proclamation carried him, stultify and disgrace himself, dishonor a great cause and disappoint the expectations of the civilized world by baseness like that which a retraction, or even neglect to enforce, that Proclamation would imply. We have had faith in Old Abe.

The Springfield letter dispels all doubts and silences all croakers. In a few plain sentences, than which none more important were ever uttered in this country Mr. Lincoln exonerates himself from the charge urged against him, shows the untenableness of the position that his enemies occupy, and gives the world assurance that that great measure of policy and justice, which, while it strikes a fatal blow at treason and rebellion, guarantees freedom to three millions of slaves, is to remain the law of the Republic—an incentive to patriotic exertion and a ground of faith and hope wherever the cause of a bondman's chain is heard. The battle is to be fought out. No miserable compromise, the device of politicians or the handiwork of time-servers, is to stay the progress of our arms—is to stand as a shield between the rebels and the punishment that their crimes have earned. The victory is to be complete; and the Republic is, at the haven of peace, after its fearful battle of blood, to be washed clean of that leprosy whose least harmful manifestations are in the slave-holders' and man-sellers' war. For this, and for these, in the day of their realization, the country will owe what a debt of gratitude and admiration to the Christian patriot who, as the guide and deliverer of his country fills the chair in which Washington sat. God bless Old Abe!

THE LATE FROST.

The late severe untimely frost visited an entire section of country, stretching from Western New York, north to Lake, south to Central Tennessee, and from east to the centre of Iowa. It ravaged seems to have been in the portions of Illinois, and limited portions of Wisconsin. The damage in Iowa, Kentucky, Tennessee, and New York is very light. Its operations in these localities seem to have consisted by what may be literally termed the *coldest* inconsistencies. Here it blasts the crops in the low lands and leaves the rest severely, and there it leaves the high lands were visited, and the crop between the ridges. It will be valuable to scientific and practical botanists to collect and compare facts from various sections, and to confirm the theory of frost.

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THE SPRINGFIELD MASS MEETING.

GRAND RALLY FOR UNION, LIBERTY AND LAW.

FIRST DISPATCH.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

The State capital looks like a hive in swarming time. The people are here in their might, and the highest anticipations of the most sanguine are realized in the numbers and spirit of the gathering. The war, which has attracted the eyes of the public and reporters to a better estimate of crowds, by showing that it takes after all a good many men to make a thousand, has induced more caution in the long-heard statements of quantity in vast assemblages. In old times, reports, aided by the "reliable persons" always at hand on such occasions, would have set this meeting down at from 50,000 to 75,000, and been borne out in the estimate by the larger share of those present. But we do these things better now. Thirty full regiments of men are quite a state army, and we count of your readers have seen together, but it is shaped to the evidence of those who have, that the great gathering to-day, which is in progress as I write, will reach from thirty to forty thousand loyal citizens of Illinois.

The meeting is in full tide at the Fair Grounds, where the audiences about the speakers' stands are scan in extent. And still (3 o'clock p. m.) they come—mounted men, heavily loaded farmers' wagons, and trains of minster length. So great is the crowd on the road that the Marshals find great difficulty in keeping order and preventing accidents.

While I write the wagons file past my window, loaded with people and decorated with flags. Bands are playing and the utmost enthusiasm prevails. Just now a train of fifty cars was arrived from the south by the Chicago & St. Louis Railroad, and two trains, in all fifty cars, which had been delayed by the bursting of a flue of a locomotive, are reported coming on the Great Western Railroad.

The Copperheads at their late Mass Meeting claimed 100,000 as the number present. It is conceded on all hands that the city was less thronged than it is to-day, and the estimate I give you is very nearly the truth, with no discount on it, as has come to be the rule in receiving it.

This morning at 9 o'clock the Aids and Assistant Marshals reported in front of the Court House, and a procession was formed there as well as it could be on account of the immense crowd. The line being drawn up on the east side of Sixth street. The order was as follows:

Chief Marshal, with two Aids.
Speakers.
Invited Guests.
State Officers.
BAND.
Officers and Soldiers of the Army.
Citizens on foot.
Wagons.
Citizens on horseback.
Vehicles.
Delegations.

The procession moved south on the east of Sixth street, to Douglas, east on Douglas to Seventh, south on Seventh to Cass, west on Cass to Sixth, north on the west side Sixth to Enos, west on Enos to Fifth, south on the east side of Fifth to Cook, west on Cook to Fourth, north on Fourth to Washington, west on Washington to the Fair Grounds.

On account of the vast crowd it was found almost impossible to get the procession to move in time, and it was fully 10 o'clock before the speaking commenced on the ground.

There were four principal stands as follows:

STAND No. 1.—S. M. Cullom, President, and Gov. W. Stearns Secretary.
STAND No. 2.—Col. John Dougherty, President, and Col. E. A. Rozencraz, Secretary.
STAND No. 3.—Judge Mark Bangs, President, and J. F. Reynolds, Secretary.
STAND No. 4.—This was the German stand.

The organization and proceedings will be noted more particularly by and bye.

A fifth stand, on the centre of the ground, was found necessary to accommodate the immense crowds.

From this stand various volunteer speakers addressed the people, and it had an immense crowd during the entire day.

Letters were read from each of the stands, from the President, Hon. Austin Blair, Hon. Edward Everett, Hon. Schuyler Colfax, and Hon. Daniel E. Dickinson.

The following dispatch from Hon. Benj. F. Butler, was also read.

GEN. B. F. BUTLER'S DISPATCH.

LOWELL, Mass., Sept. 9, 1863.

To Hon. James C. Conkling:

Your dispatch, inviting me to attend the Springfield Mass Convention, has been received, just as I had returned from a journey.

I should be glad to meet my brethren of the Northwest upon the momentous questions of the present and the future.

The rebellious States exist only by the surprise and weakness of the General Government. Compromises are impossible, save between equals in rights. Re-organization or reconstruction is alone useful when the vicious parts are to be left out. Amnesties are for individuals, not for organized communities.

Therefore prosecute the war. Bring every part of the country into submission to the laws of the United States. Then there will be no place for rebellion, no parties for compromises, no occasion for reconstruction, and clemency may be shown and amnesties offered to individual citizens who desire them. Is there any other way to restore the Union? (Signed) B. F. BUTLER.

When I left the ground, Gen. McClernand, Gen. Oglesby and senator Chandler were addressing the multitude from different stands. A volunteer speaker was also speaking from the stand in the center of the area. Where the crowds that have arrived since morning are to find room, I have no idea, as the city is now full.

An immense procession, with two brass bands, is parading the streets. There is also a procession from Carlinville, a feature of which is an immense wagon drawn by six white horses and containing thirty-six ladies, all in white, all of whom are waving Union flags. The crowds are cheering them most enthusiastically.

The Copperheads concede that we have "laid them out clean."

This demonstration has gladdened the heart of every Union man present, and correspondingly cowed the Copperheads.

SECOND DISPATCH.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

BRIDGEPORT, Ill., Sept. 9, 1863.

The additional crowds from the various railroads have swelled the number to gigantic proportions. The Democratic meeting of the 17th was not one-third as large, and the enthusiasm of this also is far ahead of that. The cheers for the Union, the President, the Proclamation, his letter, &c., were deafening. Every sentiment looking to the suppression of the rebellion and the extinction of slavery met most enthusiastically applauded.

General Oglesby's and Governor Yates' speeches were most effective, the people actually rose up against the gallant General and cheered him again and again.

I never saw a people worked up to such a state of enthusiasm. Gen. Prentiss also made a very effective speech. Every allusion to our brave volunteers was received with peals of applause. When it was announced that Gov. Yates was about to speak at stand No. 1, the rush of the crowd to it was positively frightful, while the impassioned fervor of the Governor's appeals to sustain the flag and the boys who fight under it aroused the people to a pitch of frenzy.

Gen. Oglesby's appeal to the crowd to swear to pledge their lives, their fortunes, their sacred honor, their blood and the blood of their children to the cause, caused a scene rarely if ever witnessed at a public meeting.

The people rose, and with uplifted hands made oath to do so.

It was found necessary to have stand No. 5, at which Hon. M. P. Sweet, of Stevenson was Chairman, and Hon. Samuel Parks, Secretary. Speeches were made at this stand by Messrs. Sweet, J. D. Ward, of Chicago, Gen. Farnsworth, Capt. Taft, and Judge Bangs. Speeches were made at other stands by Messrs. E. C. Ingersoll, Ketcham, Hawkins, Maj. Gen. Cox, Col. Dougherty, Hon. I. N. Arnold, and a host of others.

The following resolutions were unanimously passed at all the stands:

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That this unholy rebellion was conceived without any justifiable cause; that it has been nutritured in violation of every principle of justice and humanity, and that it is the duty of the Government to suppress it, by the use of every constitutional means within its power.

Resolved, That we will lay aside all party questions, forget all party prejudices, and devote ourselves unreservedly to the support of the Government, until the rebellion shall be finally and forever crushed.

Resolved, That whatever else may die, the Union shall live to perpetuate Civil Liberty; whatever else may perish, the Government shall survive in all its constitutional integrity; whatever else may be destroyed, the union shall be preserved in its territorial unity; and to this end we pledge every our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.

Resolved, That the strength of our Government consists in the respect of the people for the laws, and its constituted authorities, and whenever it loses the execution of the laws, whether by open rebellion, as in the disloyal States, or by secret combinations, as in the loyal States, or teaches others so to do, is an enemy to Republican Liberty.

Resolved, That the recent successes of our army and navy form a glorious record upon the page of history; that our gallant soldiers have won for themselves imperishable renown; that their victories indicate a speedy overthrow of the rebellion, and strengthen our confidence in the wisdom and efficiency of the Government.

Resolved, That the course of that portion of the Democratic party, who have not forgotten the daring patriotism of Greene, Marion, and Pickens in our hour of our Country's trouble, nobly rallied to its standard, and who have placed their country and its destiny above and beyond mere partisan success, which our hearty and patriotic admiration, and their services will live in the memory of a grateful people, so long as Constitutional Liberty shall remain.

Resolved, That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to the thousands of wounded heroes, to the multitude of widows and orphans who are scattered over the land, in consequence of this unholy rebellion, and we assure them that a grateful country will remember them in the hour of their necessity and disaster, as well as cherish the memory of the gallant dead.

Resolved, That in view of the extraordinary difficulties of "embarrassments, which have environed our National and State affairs, during the present atrocious rebellion, the efforts of the constituted authorities of our National and State governments commend themselves to our highest respect, for the zeal, ability and fidelity with which they have been marked.

The following resolutions were also offered at the different stands by Gen. Oglesby, Judge Bangs, E. C. Ingersoll, and Joseph K. C. Forest:

MONROE COUNTY.

Resolved, That we cordially endorse and sustain the official course of our worthy Governor, Richard Yates, during this the most trying period in the history of our country; that we honor him for his unswerving devotion to the Union, his present support of the efforts of the Administration for the suppression of the rebellion, and commend him for his care and attention to the wants of the Illinois soldiers. Future generations will point to his administration as the most glorious one which the history of our State presents.

Resolved, That we hereby endorse unquestionably the principles and policy of the letter of the President, Abraham Lincoln, which has been read to this meeting to-day. We recognize in it additional evidence of his devotion to freedom and the ultimate re-union and salvation of the country.

These two resolutions were greeted amid shouts of applause and cries of "good," "good"—the people rising and giving three times three cheers for the President and the Governor.

The following resolution was offered by E. C. Ingersoll, and passed unanimously:

Resolved, That we are in favor of the further offensive prosecution of this war, which we believe it the only way in which to crush out this rebellion, and because we do not believe that its further offensive prosecution tends to anarchy or misrule, but to the speedy overthrow of the rebellion and the permanent establishment of the Government, and on honorable peace.

The following resolution was also offered by General Farnsworth at stand No. 1, and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Emancipation Proclamation of the President is, in the opinion of this meeting, both legal and constitutional, and cannot be rescinded or withdrawn, nor can the slaves emancipated by it be again reduced to slavery.

In the evening the people poured into the city from the Fair Grounds in streams, through clouds of dust, but some stayed upon the ground all night. The fields in the vicinity of the Fair Grounds are filled with people and their teams, camped out.

The city is now decorated with flags and banners in every street, and filled with a dense mass of people, shouting for Lincoln, for the Union, for Yates, Oglesby, Prentiss, Haynie, Logan, McClernand, &c. In fact, the whole affair is pronounced one of the most successful love feasts that has ever come off in the West.

The Germans had a largely attended mass meeting, which was addressed by Hon. H. Goedtking of St. Clair county, Emile Petrenilas of St. Louis, Hon. Caspar Butz of Cook county, and Hubert of St. Clair.

The Committee of Resolutions of delegates from numerous counties, through their Chairman, C. Butz of Cook, reported the following resolutions, which were passed at a *Mass Meeting in Springfield, composed of German citizens from all parts of the State.* First—Recognizing that there can be but one issue now in our present gigantic struggle, for the triumph of human liberty, the perpetuity, usefulness of our great country, we hereby declare.

The great majority of the German citizens have always upheld and adhered to the doctrine once promulgated by Abraham Lincoln, now President of the United States, that this Union cannot endure half free and half slave.

We believe that every friend of liberty in every country is watching the issue of our heroic struggle against the slaveholders' rebellion, with the fervent wish and the joyful expectation that liberty will ultimately triumph, and that our reconstructed Union will be a Union of free States.

We are conscious that the so called German element has greatly contributed towards the glorious successes which thus far our arms have achieved. German valor has shone conspicuously in many a battle field.

The German-born soldier and the defender of his country born on this side of the Atlantic, have in many instances been laid side by side in the common grave. The bond of unity between the two nationalities has been cemented on the field of carnage, and has been baptized in the blood of our noblest martyrs.

We trust that it will endure forever, if, in the common glory, we do not forget our common duties.

We, therefore, demand of our Administration a fixed, immovable, unalterable and vigorous policy in regard to the conduct of the war.

We regard President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation as a finality never to be revoked or abrogated, and we call upon Congress to give it their unqualified sanction.

Bearing an equal part of the common burden in blood, as well as in treasure, we demand that our voice should be heard and considered by the great Union Party to which the salvation of the country is entrusted, and of which we are among the most earnest and most zealous members.

There are grievances of which we as well as the whole country have recently complained. May we hope that common dangers, the remembrance of our united efforts and a sense of justice, will speedily take away every reason of complaint. The sacking of Lawrence has shown in too horrid a picture of what cruelty the supporters of slavery are capable. We trust that the tenderness of the unhappy victims will also be the tenderness of the so-called border state policy and its pernicious measures, and that the noble band of Missouri freemen, foremost among whom are the German citizens, will at last receive that official support which has been too long denied them.

Again asserting our unswerving fidelity to the cause of human liberty and a free Union, we plate ourselves to sustain our Government in all its efforts to crush the slaveholders' rebellion, and in all its endeavors to defend the Union against any enemy, foreign or domestic.

After the adoption of the resolutions, a set of addresses, offered by Sharon Tindale, Esq., of St. Clair county, were also adopted. They will be reported hereafter.

In the afternoon, speeches were also made by Messrs. Lane, Trumbull, Col. Dougherty and Gen. Haynie.

The great speeches of the day were those of Gen. Oglesby, Gov. Yates, E. C. Ingersoll and Gen. Prentiss.

The closing scenes are now being enacted; Fire works, a torch light procession, illumination of many private buildings by Chinese lanterns, salutes from cannon, speeches at three stands in the public square, etc.

The streets are literally packed with people.

Governor Yates is receiving his friends and fellow-citizens at the executive mansion, while the houses of all the Union people are full to overflowing.

It is impossible to send even a synopsis of the numerous speeches made. They will be forwarded by express, or by the reporters present, to-night. Every Union man is congratulating himself on the decided tone of the most successful political demonstration never made in the West came off to-day. It cannot but have a most important bearing upon the conduct of the war.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, September 4, 1863.

Many of the delegations in wagons from the country, who had camped out last night, did not leave until this morning. They passed out of the city with bands playing and flags flying. All the trains which left to-day were also crowded with passengers, and extra cars had to be used.

The people were most orderly at the meeting and in the city. Not a single row occurred, nor were there any cases of drunkenness more than ordinarily occur in the city.

The dispatch in the Chicago Times, to-day, is an editorial from the *State Register*, and a tissue of lies from first to last. The correspondent of the *Missouri Republican* here, though a bitter Copperhead, telegraphs that there were FORTY THOUSAND people at the meeting. There is no doubt but that the affair exceeded the most sanguine expectations of all Union men present, and it must have a good effect upon the State and nation generally. The meeting was thus attended because the people desired to express their devotion to the cause and their confidence in the Government.

The following are the additional resolutions offered by Sharon Tindale, Esq., of St. Clair county, and adopted by the German Mass Meeting:

Resolved, That the condition of Missouri, prior to the change of policy which has brought her again into subjection, was such as to cheer every loyal man, and led us to believe that peace was restored to, and devotedness driven from, her borders.

Resolved, That the present condition of Missouri is such as to deprive every loyal heart, and that we believe it to be the result of a conservative policy adopted in that State.

Resolved, That we respect and sign the restoration of authority over Missouri into the hands of men who have a vigorous fulfillment of all the laws of Congress, as proclaimed by the President, and who are not conservative.

Not an accident occurred to mar the proceedings of the Convention. It is not true, as telegraphed to the Missouri Republican, that Senator Trumbull suppressed the resolution relative to Governor Yates, or that he desired to do so. The resolutions, as passed, were perfectly satisfactory to the Union men present, and, I have no doubt, will be to those of the State generally.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

SPRINGFIELD, Sept. 5, 1863—EVENING.

I have forwarded you by telegraph a very full synopsis of the proceedings of the "Great Union Love Feast," as it was very aptly termed by one of the orators, which took place here to-day. But nothing which I could say to you in that dispatch—nothing that I can now, in my weary, exhausted condition, say to you, will begin to convey any adequate idea of of its grandeur. It was indeed, a magnificent, a mighty gathering—immense in numbers, strong in purpose, in intellect, and in character glowing in loyalty, and terrible in earnest in all things. In the speeches there was no special pleading, no snarling or snivelling, no fault finding or carping at the measures of the Government; all seemed to have but two purposes in view—1st, the putting down of this unholy and unjustifiable rebellion; and 2d, the crushing, beyond the hope of resurrection, slavery, the cause of the rebellion. In the latter, as in the former purpose, there was no diversity of opinion, and no hesitation in the utterance of it in language as pointed and strong as the English language affords. Every speaker with a force and emphasis which seemed almost inspired, said "Let the accursed institution, the cause of all our troubles, die; die ignobly;" and the audiences, with one mighty voice, responded "Amen!" It was the heart, gratifying response, to see how thoroughly the hearts of the masses are educated up to this point. In them there is no hesitation, no equivocation, but, on the other hand, a firm determination that every public man shall plant himself squarely on this platform, or be hurled in political oblivion. The people are determined that there shall be no more slave rebellions, that this shall be the last, and that it can only be made the last, by making it, and end of it the *last day of slavery upon American soil!*

One of the really great features of the meeting was the letter of our President, Lincoln. Its irresistible logic, the sincerity and honesty of its utterances, its quiet self-confident power, won the entire approval of every man who heard it. No like document has approved during the great rebellion that will more certainly convince the heart and understanding than this. It is, in every respect, worthy of the man, the cause, and the occasion.

In regard to the numbers in attendance upon this meeting, I desire to be honest, truthful and explicit. I know how such crowds have been usually estimated heretofore, and I know it. I such estimates have been greatly exaggerated and untruthful. It is my desire to avoid this fault, and to give you an honest opinion, based upon calculations that I know to be mathematically correct. You will recollect that the secesh organs in your city and here put the Copperhead gathering at Springfield on the 17th of June last at 75,000. Of course everybody knew that the estimate was an unmitigated deception, intended to be such; and when I say to you that in the judgment of some of the best men in this city the number present to-day was from three to four times greater than on that occasion, I do not wish it understood that I claim that there were some two hundred thousand present to-day. On the contrary, I think one quarter that number would better express the truth of history. *I do think* that there were full FIFTY THOUSAND PEOPLE present here to-day, and when I put forth this estimate, I mean to say that it was beyond all doubt and question the BIGGEST MEETING EVER HELD IN ILLINOIS OR THE NORTHWEST. This I claim to be the truth of history, and will stand by it.

A very marked feature of the day, and one which awoke the warmest enthusiasm, was the arrival at a quite late hour in the afternoon of the "Egyptian delegation," filling FIFTY-TWO CARS to their utmost capacity. The immensity of the train had delayed their arrival until near four o'clock, and of course, an advent of this great throng was entirely unexpected. Accompanying this immense train of true, loyal Egyptians was a large omnibus from Carlinville, Macoupin county, packed all over with exquisite beauties, and filled up within with thirty-five as beautiful young ladies as will ever bless the hearts of men, representing the thirty-five States. All of them were dressed in pure white, with tri-colored wreaths around their brows. On the top of the omnibus, under a pagoda, and military and alone, a beautiful maiden, who represented the Goddess of Liberty. The whole design and finish of this car, with its living, breathing ornaments, were in excellent taste, and the sight elicited the most cordial plaudits of the mighty host. Immediately following this car was observed the band of music, which gave the crowd an excellent quality of their capacity in harmony.

Your dispatch last night said that five different organizations were in full blast at call time. The fact is that for full two hours there were six different meetings going and going at the same time, and for a brief time the were seven. I number them as follows, with stands and speakers:

STAND 1.—President, Mark Bangs; Secretary, J. F. Reynolds.

STAND 2.—President, Hon. Shelby M. Cullom; Secretary, George Stearns.

STAND 3.—President, Col. John Dougherty; Secretary, Col. F. A. Rozencraz.

STAND 4.—In the south, in the centre of the fairgrounds, occupied by Colonel Hawkins and others.

STAND 5.—Occupied by Casper Butz, and others, for a German meeting.

STAND 6.—President, Hon. M. P. Sweet; Secretary, Hon. Samuel Parks.

From these six stands full twenty-five most excellent speeches were made, by Hon. Henry S. Lane of Indiana, Hon. Lyman Trumbull, Major General Blackford, Colonel Dougherty, E. D. Doolittle of Wisconsin, Governor Yates, Hon. Zack Chandler of Michigan, Maj. Gen. John A. McClernand, Major Gen. Ben. M. Prentiss, Col. John Dougherty, Hon. Isaac N. Arnold, Hon. E. C. Ingersoll, Dr. Hunter of Richland county, Capt. J. Burrett Taft, Hon. Samuel M. Moulton, Hon. J. D. Ward, Hon. Mark Bangs, Gen. A. L. Farnsworth, Col. Hawkins, J. Ketchum, Hon. M. P. Sweet, Hon. S. M. Cullom, Col. M. M. Bane, and a number of others. The speeches of Governor Yates, Hon. Henry S. Lane, Gen. Oglesby, Gen. Prentiss, Col. Dougherty, Mr. Doolittle and Mr. Ingersoll were probably the more marked in their power and eloquence, while I may add, in justice to all, that there was not a poor speech made on the ground. The speech of Gen. Oglesby was marked by all the logic, philosophy and eloquence of the true statesman and patriot. Then, I say that he spoke for nearly three hours, and had even at the end of that time his audience could hardly be induced to give him up. You may well understand that it was a blazing eloquence that so enchained and enchanted the masses. A true or better man never breathed that Gen. Richard Oglesby as I have before said, all the speakers were of the decided, radical, if you please, type. None were willing to close up the rebellion with soft words, yet the cause of it.

I have said that one of the speakers pronounced this great gathering a "Union Love Feast." This was emphatically expressed my opinion of it then and other words I could employ. It seemed more like a good patriotic love feast than a partizan or political meeting. Every body was happy; every body was singing, laughed, talked or made a speech, or participated in the harmony of full fifty bands, as the spirit moved them to do so. Such a festivity a procession would be impossible, and those who had disposed for exercise, would "fall to" and march to the inspiring music of a band. During all the festivities there was no ill feeling, no jarring, no quarrel, no drunkenness; all seemed like a band of brothers, having but one object in view—the rescue of their country from the disaster and ruin aimed at it by its treacherous sons. I never before saw just such an assembly, but I pray God in the future which awaits us, they may be of frequent occurrence. This one to-day will accomplish more towards establishing a just issue of public sentiment than any like event in the history of our State. The people have drank from a new and pure fountain, and their impressions from the freedom of party slavery is at hand. For this let us be thankful and take new courage. I have, and time will be desirable to you the closing scenes of this great day; fire works, a torchlight procession, illuminations of private dwellings, speeches by prominent gentlemen, salutes, and speaches in the public square are all in progress at the same time, and in every part of the city where the scenes I have enumerated are being acted, crowds of people, happy in the consciousness of a good day's work, are congregated, making the heavens resonant with their shouts and songs of gladness.

I have excellent synopsis of many of the most prominent speeches to-day, which will reach you in time for your Sunday's issue.

HICKOX.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 9, 1863.

The great mass meeting held at Springfield on this Thursday Sept. 8, was, in many respects, the most significant gathering which has taken place in the State of Illinois for a very long period. Those who [illegible] of it, in the public papers, can form no adequate idea of the imposing character of the spectacle. It is easy enough to say that on such an occasion, there was an assembly of seventy or eighty thousand persons, but the mind refuses to take in the vast idea, from an utter want of capacity to realize it in any objective form, as a reality. We are puzzled with nothing so much as we are with numbers; and very few are competent to make a faithful estimate of the sum of popular assemblages. Hence, although all are agreed that the meeting on Thursday exceeded by several thousands any that had taken place in the State for years, it was difficult to find a union of opinion as to the actual number present on the occasion.

Some there were, and those, too, who were accustomed to attend and address large meetings, who estimated it at 125,000; others again, striking at more medium figures, put it down at 100,000; and this was the estimate which we heard any one make of this extraordinary gathering.

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We do not record these things in anger, although as we had four reporters on the ground, we were fourfold sufferers—but we speak of them as matters to be avoided for the future.

All the time of the speaking delegates kept arriving, in long arrays of carriages, accompanied by a band to each procession—and the business of the meeting was a good deal interrupted by these welcome accessories to the immense armies of patriotic and Union men already on the ground. More than five thousand persons came thus into the field, whilst the speaking was going on, and I was announced by Senator Doolittle that one train on the Chicago and Alton line had just then brought into the city fifty-four hundred persons.

It was a most cheering and delightful scene—the horsemen and footmen, the banners and bands, the dense masses of the human beings crowding the amphitheatre and the open spaces in front of it and around it. And the character of the speeches was heightened by the sublime morality of the occasion. Those innumerable multitudes had met together that day to attest their loyalty to the Administration; to declare that they would stand by both to the death, and give up the last dime, and the last human life they had to offer, to put down the rebellion and sustain the Government.

It was, and all felt it to be, a most solemn occasion. The Republic was in danger; the life of their country was threatened by traitors who called themselves Americans, and who had raised a serious league and covenant that they would destroy the Union, and with it all the dear and priceless liberties and blessings which it offered so freely to all. They were there to give the lie to Copperheads, who had claimed that the State was disloyal, and in favor of the rebels against Abraham Lincoln and Almighty God.

We have attended many political meetings, but we never saw one before which evinced so much determination, earnestness, sincerity, and such unmistakable patriotic feelings. There were no party demonstrations or feelings manifested. It was as if an assembly of the people met to decide the fate of the Republic. There was no levity any where—but a Hebrew solemnity. Around the stand where we stood, we observed, whilst Gov. Yates was speaking of the priceless value of our liberties, and of the great sacrifices that had been made in every quarter in Illinois to defend them, we observed scores of old and middle aged men weeping like little children. No doubt they had lost some one, or more, of their children, and understood, all too well, the touching pathos of the words.

We should add also that there were no young men present—or so few as scarcely to constitute an appreciable item in that great body of patriotic men. Where were they—the pride of those fathers, and of Illinois? All gone; some to death and glory—all to the army to fight for the Republic! It was a fearful sight enough; and we could not wonder that there were so many moist eyes over it.

The most telling speech which we heard, both in a political and moral point of view, was that of Judge Haynie. This gentleman, as is well known, was a Democrat from the beginning, and the fact of his adhesion to the Union party, as opposed to his own, must be regarded as one of the many singularities of the war. He spoke with great energy and effect, and the reasons which he offered for coming over to the Republicans—that is to the Union party—were fearfully unpalatable to the reporters. Indeed, these latter gentlemen had just cause to complain. They had come, many of them, from great distance, and represented some of the first and most important papers in the North West, whose readers would naturally desire a good report of so momentous a meeting. Instead, however, of receiving the usual courtesies, no kind of preparations were made for them. There were neither seats nor tables, nor planks provided for them, and it was with the utmost difficulty that they at last—after the speaking had been going on above an hour—could fight their way to, and upon the platforms of the various stands which had been erected for the orators. Even then some of the reporters had to kneel on the planks—others to write on their knees, or to write standing—to the detriment of their work, and to the injury of all parties.

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THERE IS NO PEACE.

There is a great deal of talk, just now, about reconstruction, as if the Constitution were a mere house of cards, incapable of holding its own against the blasts and tornadoes of civil war; as if the Union were a mere commercial compact, based upon the caprice of its constituents, instead of resting upon eternal and immutable principles. Even many of those whom we know to be loyal both to the Republic, and the Administration, cannot make up their minds how far the Constitution has been affected by the Rebellion, nor what is to be done with the rebels, and their States after they have been whipped into allegiance.

In reality, there is no need whatever for any pother over either of these propositions. The Constitution of the United States is, as Cicero says of Truth, "Not one thing to-day and another to-morrow, but the same essentially, and unchangeable, now and for Ever." The great written truths upon which it is founded are a part and parcel of the divine government itself and belong to the inmost nature of man, without which freedom were a mockery, and an impossible thing. The Constitution is as good to-day for the American Republic, as it was before the war began. The fiery surges of the rebellion have broken against it in vain. It has not suffered one jot, or title—and does not need, therefore, any reconstruction.

Neither is it necessary that there should be any reconstruction of the Union because the rebels have sinned themselves out of it, like Adam and Eve out of Paradise. The men who have sinned themselves into rebellion against the Government deprives them of the rights and privileges of citizenship, and also of the right of belligerents to treat with the Government of the United States, through their own acknowledged leaders. We can have nothing whatever to do with these leaders, as such, because this would be to recognize their authority, and raise the rebellion to the dignity of a legitimate war. These persons are out of court, and are altogether subject to the mercy of the conqueror. It would be quite a different thing, however, if the people in their individual capacity in the exercise of their sovereign power, were to assemble for the purpose of throwing off the yoke of the rebel tyranny, and declare their willingness, and earnest desire to return to their allegiance. In that case they would be exercising the inalienable right of self-government, which belongs to them under the Constitution—and this resumption of the functions of Government on their part, would necessarily bring them into communion with the United States Government, and put a speedy end to the war.

That the people in the revolted States will soon take the initiative in this matter, and for this object, there are plenty of signs abroad to justify us in supposing. Already, there are bitter disturbances, strifes, and hatreds in the enemy's camp, and the officers are beginning to shoot each other down like drunkards in a saloon quarrel. The Southern newspapers are full of animosity against the rebel Generals, and the rebel Government—and, in a little while, there bids fair to be a rebellion within a rebellion, in that nigger land, which will stop the war and render a reconstruction of the Union any thing but likely, or desirable.

As the case now stands, it is nonsense to talk about patching up a peace, or making any mediation with the rebels. With whom are we to make peace? We do not recognize any power or authority in the Confederate leaders—and we could not, therefore, either offer or receive any terms for the cessation of hostilities. As a constitutional Government we can have nothing to do with rebels who have usurped our authority, and defied our arms. We must have an unconditional submission of all the people, and then it will be for the United States Government to deal with individuals according to their desertes.

DOWN WITH SLAVERY!

The American people, always full of inexplicable and irreconcileable contradictions, were never guilty of a greater outrage upon former professions than that involved in the denial of the supreme right of the negro race in this country to freedom. It has been our boast that no American could look unconcernedly upon any people or any race engaged in a struggle for their right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. And in making that vaunt good, we have, sometimes with mistaken generosity, been lavish of good words, and, in some cases, of brave deeds, in behalf of a dozen nationalities attempting independence, since the existence of the Republic began. With the French, Belgians, Italians and Germans, during the European upheaval of 1789 to 1848; with the Mexicans, and with the people of various States of South America, with the Greeks, with the Irish, with the Hungarians, with the Cubans, and with the Italians again, the Americans have deeply sympathized, and, to many of them, they have, in the hour of pressing need, extended material aid. The sympathy was generous, and the aid freely tendered. Both have done honor to the American name; and both, by constantly reminding us of the conditions upon which liberty is held, have acted upon the donors, and served to keep alive the spirit of freedom at home. The gifts have blessed the giver more than the receivers.

Why, with such antecedents; with such profound and, we believe, enduring belief in the rights and dignity of man; with our own freedom constantly imperilled by every encroachment that tyranny makes, we should be so insensible to the outcry of an enslaved people in our midst, whose deplorable condition we know, whose capabilities for a better and a more ennobling life we have fathomed, and whose heaven-born aspirations meet us at every turn, no student of human nature can tell. Our conduct is one of those strange contradictions that bears neither the examination of reason, the test of religion or the touch of humanity. It is a barbarism that has no excuse. It is a sin that affults no shadow of justification. And whose supposes that we shall rise superior to our national troubles and become an exalted and prosperous people, or that we shall in the wreck of our affairs be able to save for ourselves the spirit and forms of political liberty, without first manifesting a sincere desire to do justice to the oppressed of our own country—Americans by birth-right—impiously presumes upon the unpurchaseable clemency of the Almighty. "He who would himself be free, must own no slave" said Mr. Lincoln, in one of his letters. This condition of freedom extends itself by a law which is beyond and superior to all human endeavor, to nations as well as individuals; and our own nation will learn, as others have learned before, that the law is inexorable—a very Nemesis.

We entreat our readers who may be still apathetic in this matter of freedom to the African race in the United States, to heed what we say—to question History which is only the record of the world's history, and to interrogate Justice, which is the manifestation of Heaven, and from both to learn that our woes, though seemingly numberless—the war with which the Republic is afflicted, with all its fearful and bloody consequences—as but the accumulated penalties of our own misdoings; and that we strive in vain against the consequences of our acts. If they will not heed what Nature teaches, and Reason and Philosophy confirm, and be just for justice's sake, let them heed the motive, and be just that their interests may be served thereby. It is other and truly safe gives by men who do not look beneath the surface of affairs that this war will end in slavery, or slavery will crush us. We declare the reason why, and we point out the way in which victory and justice must march out of the contest hand in hand. If we would live—live as Americans, under the benign influence of the institutions that the fathers founded—live free and manly lives—live as exemplars to those who will come after us—slavery must die. Its blood, smoking on the ground, is the accepted sacrifice that will compel the favor of the power that rules us

But this is Abolitionism! So it is, and more than that—the expression of the truth of the national exigency—the disease and the method of cure. The Republic will be wise if it heeds the words, and acts upon the policy that we declare. To be just to others is the condition precedent to the obtaining of justice for ourselves. That is the lesson of the day—one that this people must learn!

BURNSIDE'S ADVANCE.

Gen. Burnside is safely in Knoxville with the van of his army; and the great east and west railroad line of communication between the rebels in Virginia and their confederates in the Valley of the Mississippi is unquestionably in his possession. Now, in view of these facts of the situation, one of these things is true:

I. He is there by sufferance, and because the rebels were powerless to resist his advance. This admitted, the prospects of the Confederacy are dreary enough. East Tennessee was to be the Thermopylae to which all rebeldom was to flee in the event of disaster overtaking them in the last ditch; and the great East and West railroad was, like aorta in the human body, a means of circulation, without which the extremities would die.

II. There has been constructed for rebel use, a fortification at Knoxville, well known to our commanders, which renders the Knoxville road comparatively valueless. But this is hardly probable.

III. The boast of the rebels that, in going to Knoxville, Burnside was shutting himself in a *cul de sac*, in which, escape being impossible, he can be crushed at leisure.

We take it for granted that Gen. Burnside will not long suffer the problem herein contained to remain long unsolved. Meanwhile, East Tennessee is practically relieved of rebel domination, and we shall see how far the boasts of Brownlow and others, that when the weight of tyranny was taken off, she would spring back to loyalty and duty, will be made good.

IS VALLANDIGHAM A TRAITOR?

A Stevenson, Ala., correspondent of the Cincinnati *Gazette* writes, upon the authority of Union citizens of Alabama and Tennessee, that Vallandigham, while in the South, repeatedly exhorted the rebels to hold on to Vicksburg, declaring that the success of his party in Ohio depended altogether on the ability of the rebel Government to baffle the Union armies besieging that place. The evidence of this fact the *Gazette* writer declares to be indisputable.

The Copperhead prints are denying the above fact and branding it as an Abolition lie. Unfortunately for their epithets and for Vallandigham's loyalty, we have in our possession a letter written by a rebel Provost Marshal attached to Bragg's army, and a man evidently of unusual intelligence in which the above fact is clearly, unmistakably stated. The letter was written to friends in Western Tennessee and captured in the possession of a mail carrier, who is now or was recently in custody at Columbus, Ky. The writer heard Vallandigham make the statement in his presence, that his election depended upon rebel success at Vicksburg. The letter awakes the pleasure of any Copperhead disbeliever who will call and see it.

IOWA SOLDIERS' VOTE.

Mr. LeGrand Byington's letter to Gen. Grant, asking if Iowa soldiers in the army of the Mississippi, would be permitted to vote the ticket of their choice, was a work of supererogation. There never was a time when, in any one of the armies now engaged in fighting the rebels, the soldier if permitted by the laws of his State to vote at all, could not vote for the candidates of his choice, without let or hindrance from any authority whatever. In the face of Gen. Grant's reply to the Iowa Copperhead's question, all allegations to the contrary fall to the ground. Let the disloyal be content. If the soldiers do not vote for them, it is because they do not believe in their patriotism or their honesty. The army is on one side; the Copperheads are on the other.

WAR WITH FRANCE.

We print in another place a remarkable statement from the New York *Express* relative to our affairs in the Department of the Gulf, which will at once command attention, from the probabilities attaching to it, and the indications therein of complications between the United States and France in the not very distant future. The rebels at New Orleans affect to have discovered what of late has been patent to many Union men, that the expedition fitting out at that port is not destined for Mobile, but for the mouth of the Rio Grande. The rebel general commanding in that district, anticipating the expedition, has removed the Custom House from Brownsville one hundred and fifty miles above. The neutrality of the Rio Grande and the relative localities of Matamoras and Brownsville, have furnished excellent avenues for the transmission of contraband goods which should give aid and comfort to the rebels, and if Gen. Grant is organizing an expedition for Texas, it is undoubtedly for the purpose of breaking up this trade, and establishing a military blockade for its future prevention. But the French in their Mexican designs, have already taken Tampico, and are advancing on Matamoras, which must bring the United States and French troops face to face, separated only by a narrow stream. What new complications may arise out of this unexpected position, it is not possible to predict at present, but it may be safe to say that no very friendly messages will be wafted across the Rio Grande, and that the easy range might be tempting. In the event of Brownsville being the destination of the New Orleans expedition, the prospects of a foreign war assume an air of possibility much stronger than ever.

Sketch of the Vanderbilt.

The ship Gray Eagle, Capt. Burgess, arrived at Baltimore on Thursday last, with dates from Rio de Janeiro to the 1st of August. She reports that when she sailed from Rio, the United States steamer Vanderbilt was still lying in that port, and that the United States steamer Mohican sailed on the 31st of July. This renders it pretty certain that the statement of a Mobile paper of the 22d of August, based on the authority of a passenger from Havana, that the Vanderbilt had been sunk off the Bahamas by the privateer Georgia, is without foundation in fact.

More Repudiation.

The Hudson *Star*, the old Democratic organ of St. Croix county, Wis., and the Juneau *Wide Awake*, the Democratic paper of Juneau county have openly and boldly repudiated the Copperhead ticket in that State. It soon will not have a corporal's guard to defend it. Every man who has any self-respect is deserting it.

Napoleon and the French Bishops.

The Bishops of Mentz, Nantes, Orleans, Chartres, Cambrai, Tours and Rennes, issued a pamphlet on "the forthcoming elections in France," which Napoleon has suppressed as abusive of power. The decree has occasioned great sensation in the religious world of France.

BY The correspondent of the Baltimore *American* states that the illness of Admiral Dahlgren announced in N. Y. *Herald* is an entire fabrication.

—Charles Lamb says one cannot bear to see Adam lose his apple to get his penny upon his apple stall in Monmouth street. When Adam lost out his Paradise he had no penny to get rid of; so he could well afford to share it with Eve. Charles Lamb's apples were not of the Eden orchard, where he had so many for nothing.

FROM CHARLESTON.

FORTRESS MONROE, Sept. 8—The following are extracts from the Richmond *Examiner*, of September 7th:

CHARLESTON, Sept. 5.—To-day has witnessed another furious bombardment of Fort Wagner and Gregg, by the enemy's fleet and batteries. The firing was begun at daylight, and was maintained steadily until dark.

A monitor is now firing on Fort Moultrie, and another assault on Battery Wagner is deemed probable to-night.

Since yesterday no further attack has been made on Sumter, which has been held twenty days, against all the efforts of the enemy's great guns, by hand and by sea.

Of 7,551 shots which have been fired at it, 2,495 have struck outside, and 3,130 inside. The flag has been swept away fourteen times.

SECOND DISPATCH.

CHARLESTON, Sept. 6—9.30 A. M.—The bombardment of Batteries Wagner and Gregg has been incessant for the last fifty-two hours. The noise of the cannonade is tremendous.

Last night the enemy landed near Cumming's Point in barges and assaulted Battery Gregg. The assault was repulsed. No particulars.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—A private letter from Gen. Gillmore's army, dated August 31st, says:

"Our approaches are now within 150 yards of Fort Wagner. But the place is a second Sebastopol, with this advantage in favor of the latter, that in front of Wagner there is but little water between the earthen and the point where water is reached, that sinking is impossible and sapping nearly so. The place is defended and the enemy is full of torpedoes buried in the sand, which go off at instant almost hopeless until they are removed. We have discovered nine of these pleasant inventions already."

FROM LEAVENWORTH CITY.

Affairs in Kansas.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE.]

LEAVENWORTH, Kansas, Sept. 5, 1863.

The excitement which pervaded all Kansas at the time of the Lawrence massacre has subsided, and in its place has come a determination, terribly earnest, to avenge that fearful act. There seems to be no sort of confidence in, or respect for, Schofield or Ewing. They are jeered at.

A few days ago General Lane and A. C. Wilder sent a telegram to the President, saying the incompetency and imbecility of Schofield are deplorable, and unless there is an immediate change of commanders, there is danger of a conflict between the people and the military.

The reply of Mr. Lincoln did not vindicate his policy.

The prediction seems to have been well founded that Schofield's Order No. 99, has only intensified the popular feeling. It is now said that he is neither willing to kill bushwackers himself, or to allow the people to do so.

The meeting at Paola, to-morrow, will, probably, be the largest ever held in this State. Parties are going in wagons, with arms and rations, from all parts of the State. They will not go into Missouri if the military show any disposition to drive the rebels from the infected district.

Quantrel is on the Sinabar, about thirty miles from Kansas City, with a largely increased force.

The $200,000 in cash taken out of Lawrence has given him glory and recruits, and his numbers have swollen from 300 to 1,400. Schofield has sent a regiment after the rebels at Paola, but no force after the bushwackers of Quantrel. In Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Olathe, Paola and Ossawatomie the citizens are under arms, and all these towns are nightly guarded by citizen patrols. The military are no longer relied upon in Leavenworth to enforce the order establishing martial law. They do not do guard duty, and the town is watched by citizens.

At a large German meeting held here yesterday, (Sunday) Mayor Anthony stated that if Schofield should call on the militia to put down Kansas men, no citizens should go from Leavenworth to aid him in that unholy crusade. The announcement was received with the wildest enthusiasm.

Hon. Thos. A. Osborn, Lieutenant Governor, will probably preside at the Paola meeting. A platform of the most radical character will be adopted, and the removal of Schofield and Ewing demanded, a department for Kansas asked for, common sense made with the emancipationists of Missouri, and a committee appointed to go to Washington with the Missouri committee. It will probably consist of the entire Congressional delegation, all the State officers except Governor Carney and such prominent citizens as M. J. Parrott, D. R. Anthony and Geo. A. Crawford. The people of Kansas will not rest until Schofield is removed and a man is placed in command who, instead of being praised by one faction and condemned by the other, will receive the applause of all loyal men and the hatred of rebels, a higher ambition than which no officer desires.

FROM CAIRO AND BELOW.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, Sept. 6, 1863.

By steamer John H. Dickey, Capt. Musselman, we have Memphis papers and dispatches of the 6th. The *Bulletin*, of Sunday morning, has a report from three deserters from Bragg's army, named Shinn, Lathrop and Casey, who reached our lines at Chattanooga, on the 4th, at 5 p. m., bringing their arms and equipments with them. They tried to gain Rosecrans' army first, but found their pickets too plenty. They had a fight on the second day out, with Roddy's men, and drove them off, and finally reached Memphis. They say the utmost destitution and disaffection exists in Bragg's army. Men are deserting by scores, and Bragg is in readiness to fall back upon Atlanta on Rosecrans' approach. Three of Rosecrans' body guard, who were in action near Franklin, members of the 10th Ohio cavalry, were lately hung; one on the charge of desertion, and the others charged with being spies. John Kebo, of Cincinnati, was one of the unfortunate men.

Men who deserted from Johnston's army also reached Memphis; they left Meridian on the 10th ult., and say that Johnston's force is greatly scattered, but are endeavoring to concentrate, but for what purpose they could not say. Roddy's force is above 1,000 strong, and has been quite busy. It visited Town Creek and Glendale lately. Forrest's guerillas are located near Savannah, Tenn. The country west of Tuscumbia is exhausted by their raids, and the guerillas are falling back for a more prolific scene of operations.

Reports are very favorable regarding the drill and efficiency of the 1st Alabama (African) regiment at Corinth. The regiment numbers 850 men. Gentlemen of military proclivities who witnessed their parade, are in ecstacies over them.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 8, 1863.

At the twenty-sixth anniversary of the Springfield Baptist Association, on Saturday last, resolutions were passed sustaining the Government in its efforts to crush the rebellion, and praying that slavery—the cause of it—may be speedily removed.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Perry Burnett, of Berlin, after which the Association was called to order.

The election of officers resulted in the choice of N. N. Minor, Moderator; Rev. F. M. Ellis, Clerk; and W. W. Watson, Treasurer.

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Men who deserted from Johnston's army also reached Memphis; they left Meridian on the 10th ult., and say that Johnston's force is greatly scattered, but are endeavoring to concentrate, but for what purpose they could not say. Roddy's force is above 1,000 strong, and has been quite busy. It visited Town Creek and Glendale lately. Forrest's guerillas are located near Savannah, Tenn. The country west of Tuscumbia is exhausted by their raids, and the guerillas are falling back for a more prolific scene of operations.

Reports are very favorable regarding the drill and efficiency of the 1st Alabama (African) regiment at Corinth. The regiment numbers 850 men. Gentlemen of military proclivities who witnessed their parade, are in ecstacies over them.

THE DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT DUBUQUE, IOWA.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Sunday, Sept. 6, 1863.

On Sunday night this place was visited by the most disastrous conflagration in its history, inflicting a severe but not a crushing blow upon its business prosperity. The fire broke out in a wooden building on the north side of the public square, about half past 11 p. m., and was not subdued until 4 o'clock this morning, during which time it had made a clean sweep from the State Bank to Newell's drug store. Twelve of our business firms were burned out. The losses are as follows:

J. J. Cass, dry goods.
E. Mehlenbeck, saloon.
C. Van Vlissingen, saloon.
J. H. Knight, books and notions.
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Stallman & Boehm, clothing.
J. Fish, grocery.
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Wm. Graham, tobacco and cigars.
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The loss to other parties by removal was considerable. The total loss will reach fifty thousand dollars, two-thirds of which is insured. The fire is supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

FROM CINCINNATI.

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CINCINNATI, Sept. 7, 1863.

On Saturday night last, an outrage occurred at Newburry, Clermont county, Ohio, resulting in the death of two men named Shields and Williamson, from Copperhedam and whisky. The facts are as follows: On Saturday night, there was a Copperhead meeting at Union Meeting House, which was addressed by W. S. Williamson, of Iaar, and Mr. Shields, of Newburry. Shields, Williamson and others met from the meeting on a tongue, where they imbibed freely of whisky.

The question as to whether a negro would fight was discussed; and in order to test the matter practically, they proceeded to the cabin of a negro on the farm of Mr. Sneesor, where they commenced an assault upon the house, smashing the windows and tearing down the end of the tenement. The negro escaped through the back way, and procured a double barreled gun of Mr. Stringer, who lived close by. Previous to this, however, clubs and stones were thrown at the negro. Upon the latter returning with the gun, he shot one of the parties through the head and the other through the heart, killing both almost instantly. A third party was struck with a stiller, and the fourth ran away. The negro was a peaceable and industrious man. Frequent outrages have been committed upon him.

FROM THE ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

The Rubicon Crossed—Chattanooga to be easily possessed—The Heart of the Confederacy Menaced—Talk of a Stalemate—Northwestern Troops—Johnson's Command, &c.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND, STEVENSON, ALA., Aug. 31, 1863.

The Rubicon has been crossed by a good portion of the army, whole divisions of which will cross to-morrow be climbing the mountains overlooking Chattanooga.

The left of the center made the passage on yesterday without trouble, and to-day other commands of that corps have moved up, and the bridges for an early morning passage. All the right but Sheridan is over. Johnson, last heard of at Bellefonte, made the crossing this morning in the rear of Davis, and the two commands are to-day pushing towards the southern flank of Chattanooga.

The rebels have stood scarce a blow in defence of the Tennessee, which in my judgment indicates an intention to abandon the line.

I am each day more firmly impressed with the opinion that there will be no considerable struggle this side the Chattahoochee River. Of course a stalemate will be made at Chattanooga and all along the line of the Georgia State Railway—about such resistance as was made at the Duck River line—but a determined fight is not at all likely to occur.

CHATTANOOGA EASILY TAKEN.

Chattanooga will, then, easily and quickly fall into Federal hands, after which, the possession and control of the "heart of the Confederacy" becomes simply a matter of time. I do not think it likely that the army will immediately advance in force south of that place. The line of operations cannot, in fact, be extended beyond that point, for the railway bridges across the Tennessee, at Bridgeport, are gone. An army cannot operate for a week beyond, with certainty and ample supply. The people, therefore, will understand that "on to Atlanta" can not immediately follow the possession of Chattanooga.

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The possession of that place, however, puts the heart of the Confederacy at the mercy of the Union army, at the same time, will be so situated as to discourage new rebel invasions of Tennessee. The rebels have organized—and, of course, the extremities are for the time being neglected. Refugees and deserters say that the Southern people are deluded wicked rebels everywhere north of Atlanta, and stores and stock are being crowded southward. The fact is, the people have lost confidence in the ability of their army to defend them, and they are consequently preparing for flight.

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SPEECH OF MAJOR GENERAL RICHARD OGLESBY.

This is a heroic age for us, when every man, woman and child shall be tried for their country—shall work and die for their country. Nothing less than this spirit will save us to days—and that the rebel mob that is now raging in the rebel States—that, thank God, is on its last and falling legs, they feel that the rebellion is waning and shaking and almost ready to go out of sight, and pass away forever. It has no terrors for me now. I feel as complacent upon that question as I did about the Cole shotten counties some years ago. They talked much longer among us if left alone. But just as soon as time which will try you. I am convinced that the undue importance, which has been given to the political aspect of our troubles is of far more evil consequence than any effect resulting from the peril of war. The political turn that has been given to our national affairs, is more than any troubles, and have resulted from the effect of war, and it is this that I now dread more than the terrors of war. I am addressed myself to you upon that point. I will not take the time to prove to you a fact which is known to exist, which is, that the rebellion has been materially over. It is the political aspect that I am far more than the state of the field. The head of the rebellion I believe to be a wise head. The leaders of the rebel army and the leading actors of the rebel country I believe to be sharp, shrewd, heartless men.

I do not at this moment find it in my heart to believe that they are actuated by those great motives of struggle for constitutional liberty. I think they are actuated by the lust of ambition and wise men. Jeff. Davis does not believe any battle with us. I don't believe that rebel Government desire it. I believe their policy, if left alone, would be to keep their armies fighting for another year, at least a battle now. They want nothing to gain by it. They cannot whip us. They cannot hold Chattanooga, and, although require a great deal of blood, and military skill and wisdom, yet I believe Chattanooga also fall into our hands. Meade is watching Lee on the Potomac. Lee has no object in fighting him, and the rebel Government will not let him fight, unless absolutely necessary. Lee is the pet of the people of the rebel States. If Lee were to defeat Meade, he could not take Washington City. Our Government has no power to protect the city. The rebels cannot take Washington, and well they know it. The rebel Government is now as wise as ever having an entity, they are nothing but a shadow, and the substance is gone. The rebel Government is now destroyed. Its entity is gone body and soul, and the dispersing of its now a mere form. In this position, knowing that they are in a great error, and the so-called Republic is sunk beyond recovery, at a last resort, they will offer terms of peace. This is what I fear most. Davis will not send Commissioners to our Government; but if he does it will be to this country in a few months. They are ready to lay down their arms, with propositions to come back in the Government. These will not be made to us, but to the people. They come from the newspapers and the public opinion of the South—until we are inclined to believe that they are in earnest, although we may not believe it now—and what will they say? They will say you wanted to restore the Union, and preserve the Constitution—now say we will lay down our arms and come back into the Union, with all our sovereign rights as before. Let us settle the trouble. Friends; the very moment we have distinct feeling and public peace, peace from the Southern people—although it will be counted in the most dishonorable terms—still it will be open to the people for discussion, and then all over these States, a great multitude of men who have been crying for peace, and charging you with the guilt of this war, as Abolitionists, and army themselves as a solid phalanx, and say to us: "Now, come back again as they were; give us the Union as it was; give them back their land; give them back their Constitution; ignore the Proclamation, and ignore slavery." (Cries, "never! never!") Aye, never! never! This is the feeling of the people of the North, never, and all that multitude says. But there is another multitude, clothed in the black coat, who say, "Let them come back." We shall hear this call in every county and in every city of our land. Now, I say every man, woman and child, to day, to seal your hearts, and in his memory, the declarations uttered by the great chieftain, then as a never-dying element, that you will hear, "Let them come back." The time has come to try you. (Yes, we are ready.") and I know you are able to meet it. I know the rebels will be able to meet anything—every citizen and soldier has sufficiently evidence on that point. Before mob violence began to show itself in this well settled Government of ours, I predicted the coming of the wild mob of the Confederacy, when a speech delivered by me began, in which he characterized it as "the greatest rebellion in the world." Jeff. Davis, a writer, said a people liable to be a mob, is a mob, and I have to call it a rebellion. Now what is it that Davis tries to make you and I believe? That it is the people of each State to withdraw from the Union when they choose to do it. That it is a mob on a large scale. Now, I know that there are yet some one from that mob—and, to the credit of Fulton county, and of some other counties, I know that they have imitated the mob in New York. Copperhead imitates the mob in New York. Copperhead imitates the mob in New the people to be ready for mob violence—and the people have organized themselves for a mob resistance of the law. Now it is very difficult for them to train these people to obey the laws which they said were unjust. Now, I say, I believe that the people have lost confidence in the ability of their army to defend them, and they are consequently preparing for flight.

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In 1861 I was in the time that I had commenced I had three thousand men armed and equipped and ready for battle. Now I will tell you what I would like to see. I would like to see our Government go to work and arm all of those men, when July comes around again our Government will come home. There are 800,000 of them, and 100,000 negroes take their place, and let them fight our battles until the end of the war; and let me tell Mr. Copperhead, I speak it as the sentiment of my own, convinced that it will be done in right him if it is necessary. (Cheers.) I hope I get but one side in this matter—poor living, boiling man, what an I, and I am compared to the glories of this Union? What man I and you are compared, everything of the Government have it—but never, no, never, shall the Union be broken. Great questions and disunion in our country have got the rule and power away from us to the political aspect of our country. I say it, and I mean it, and let every man, woman and child, to day, seal it in his memory, and in his memory, the declarations uttered by the great chieftain then as a never-dying element, that you will hear, "Let them come back." The time has come to try you. ("We are ready.") and I know rebels will be most. I know the rebels will be anything—every citizen and soldier has sufficiently evidence on that point. Before mob violence began to show itself in this well settled Government of ours, I predicted the coming of the wild mob of the Confederacy, when a speech delivered by me began, in which he characterized it as "the greatest rebellion in the world." Jeff. Davis, a writer, said a people liable to be a mob, is a mob, and I have to call it a rebellion. Now what is it that Davis tries to make you and I believe? That it is the people of each State to withdraw from the Union when they choose to do it. That it is a mob on a large scale. Now, I know that there are yet some one from that mob—and, to the credit of Fulton county, and of some other counties, I know that they have imitated the mob in New York. Copperhead imitates the mob in New the people to be ready for mob violence—and the people have organized themselves for a mob resistance of the law. Now it is very difficult for them to train these people to obey the laws which they said were unjust. Now, I say, I believe that the people have lost confidence in the ability of their army to defend them, and they are consequently preparing for flight.

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IMPORTANT FROM MEXICO.

French and Federal Troops Confronting each other on the Rio Grande.

ARE WE DRIFTING INTO A POSITION TO FIGHT FRANCE?

[From the N. Y. Herald, Sept. 8.]

We learn, by the steamer George Washington, which arrived in port yesterday, that much excitement existed among the rebel spies, partisans and sympathizers in Mexico, in consequence of the report of Gen. Banks's intention to send a military force to the Rio Grande, which, it is understood, is at the flower of our army, recently organized, and which, it is said, would be transported, on this hot weather, from the Gulf of Mexico, by the Texas expedition, the destination of which has been given out to Mobile. Accordingly, the rebel sympathizers, who are usually well-informed, and who are ever ready to aid the enemy, are in great glee at the prospect of a rupture between the United States and France, which, they think, will be the result of Banks's movement. The rebel spies, in their letters, which we have seen, speak of the "intelligence of the disaster," which, they say, will soon reach us. The rebels, in their letters, which we have seen, speak of the "intelligence of the disaster," which, they say, will soon reach us. The rebel spies, who are usually well-informed

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MR. LINCOLN'S LETTER TO THE SPRINGFIELD, ILL., CONVENTION.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, Aug. 26, 1863.

Hon. JAMES C. CONKLING:

My Dear Sir:—Your letter, inviting me to attend a mass meeting of unconditional Union men, to be held at the Capital of Illinois, on the 3d day of September, has been received.

It would be very agreeable to me, to thus meet my old friends, at my own home; but I cannot just now be absent from here, so long as a visit there would require.

The meeting is to be of all those who maintain unconditional devotion to the Union; and I am sure my old, political friends will thank me for tendering, as I do, the Nation's gratitude to those other noble men, whose patriotic justice, or partisan hope, can make false to the nation's life.

There are those who are dissatisfied with me. To such I would say: You disapprove, and you blame me that we do not have it. But how can we attain it? There are but three conceivable ways. First, to suppress the rebellion by force of arms. This I am trying to do. Are you for it? If you are, so far we are agreed. If you are not for it, a second way is, to give up the Union. I am against this. Are you for it? If you are, you should say so plainly. If you are not for *peace*, nor yet for *disunion*, there only remains some imaginable compromise. I do not believe any compromise embracing the maintenance of the Union, is now possible. All I learn leads to a directly opposite belief. The strength of the rebellion is its military, its army. That army dominates all the country, and all the people, within its range. Any offer of terms made by any man, or men, within that range, in opposition to that army, is simply nothing for the present; because such men, or men, have no power whatever to enforce their side of a compromise if one were made with them. To illustrate: Suppose refugees from the South, and peace men of the North, get together in convention, and frame and proclaim a compromise embracing a restoration of the Union, in what way, can that compromise be used to keep Lee's army out of Pennsylvania? Meade's army can keep Lee's army out of Pennsylvania, and I think, quite as ultimately drive it out of existence. But no compromise to which the controllers of Lee's army are not agreed can, at all, affect that army. In an effort at such compromise we should waste time, which the enemy would improve to our disadvantage; and that would be all. A compromise, to be effective, must be made either with those who control the rebel army, or with the people first liberated from the domination of that army by the success of our own army. Now allow me to assure you that no word or intimation from that rebel army, or from any of the men controlling it, in relation to any peace compromise, has ever come to my knowledge or belief. All changes or insinuations to the contrary are deceptive and groundless; and I promise you that if any such proposition shall hereafter come, it shall not be rejected and kept a secret from you. I freely acknowledge myself the servant of the people, according to the bond of service—the Union of these States. Quite likely there is a difference of opinion between you and myself upon that subject. I certainly wish that all men could be free, while I suppose you do not. Yet I have neither adopted nor proposed any measure which is not consistent with even your view, provided you are for the Union. I suppose compensated emancipation; to which you replied you wished not to be taxed to buy negroes. But I had not asked you to be taxed to buy negroes, except in such a way as to save you from greater taxation to save the Union exclusively by other means.

You disliked the Emancipation Proclamation, and perhaps would have it retracted. You say it is unconstitutional. I think differently; I think the Constitution invests its Commander-in-Chief with the law of war, in time of war. The most that can be said, if so much, is, that slaves are property. Is there—has there ever been—any question that by the law of war, property, both of enemies and friends, may be taken when needed? And is it not needed whenever taking it helps us or hurts the enemy? Armies, the world over, destroy enemies' property, when they cannot use it, and even destroy their own to keep it from the enemy. Civilized belligerents do all in their power to help themselves or hurt the enemy, except a few things regarded as barbarous or cruel. Among the exceptions are the massacre of vanquished foes, and non-combatants, male and female.

But the Proclamation, as law, either is valid, or is not valid. If it is not valid it needs no retraction. If it is valid it cannot be retracted, any more than the dead can be brought to life. Some of you profess to think its retraction would operate favorably for the Union. Why better *after* the retraction than *before* the issue? There was more than a year and a half of trial to suppress the rebellion before the Proclamation was issued, the last one hundred days of which passed under an explicit notice that it was coming, unless averted by those in revolt returning to their allegiance. The war has certainly progressed as favorably for us since the issue of the Proclamation as before.

I know, as fully as any one can know, the opinion of others, that some of the commanders of our armies in the field, who have given us our victories, believe the emancipation policy and the use of the colored troops, constituted the heaviest blow yet dealt to the rebellion, and that, at least, one of those important successes could not have been achieved at the time it was but for the aid of black soldiers. Among the commanders holding these views are some who have never had any affinity with what is called abolitionism, or with Republican party policies, but who hold them purely as military opinions. I submit these opinions as being entitled to some weight against the objections often urged—that emancipation and arming the blacks are unwise as military measures, and was not adopted as such in good faith.

You say you will not fight to free negroes. Some of them seem willing to fight for you; but no matter. Fight you, then, exclusively to save the Union. I issued the Proclamation on purpose to aid you in saving the Union. Whenever you shall have conquered all resistance to the Union, if I shall urge you to continue fighting, it will be an odd time, then, for you to declare you will not fight to free negroes.

I thought that in your struggle for the Union, to whatever extent the negroes should cease helping the enemy, to that extent it would weaken the enemy in his resistance to you. Do you think differently? I thought that whatever negroes can be got to do as soldiers, leaves just so much less for white soldiers to do in saving the Union. Does it appear otherwise to you?

But negroes, like other people, act upon motives. Why should they do anything for us, if they will do nothing for them? If they stake their lives for us, they must be prompted by the strongest motive—even the promise of freedom; and the promise, being made, must be kept.

The signs look better. The Father of Waters again goes unvexed to the sea. Thanks to the Gallant Men, and their commanders and the Navy. More than these, the Army of the Cumberland, which has been so long and so patiently waiting for its turn, is now in motion. Longstreet, with his veteran corps, is gone from Charleston and Beauregard is evidently drawing off his force from Charleston. Our own Army of the Gulf is in motion. Taylor's Texas Army is in motion. Banks is in motion in Western Louisiana. Vicksburg is secure and free. Grant, Meade, Banks, Farragut, Porter, and their brave men, have done their parts well. I cannot but hope that your State will do her part, not the least important nor the easiest part, well.

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IMPORTANT FROM KANSAS.

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Their Earnest and Temperate Action.

THE RESOLUTIONS IN FULL—SPEECHES, &c.

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GEN. GILMORE READY TO OPEN ON THE CITY.

The End Must be Near.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

HEADQUARTERS, Sept. 8, 1863.

The following is from the Richmond Whig of the 8th:

CHARLESTON, Sept. 7.—The bombardment was kept up without intermission, all day yesterday, and far into the night. About 120 of our men were killed and wounded at Batteries Wagner and Gregg.

The attempt to assault Battery Gregg was repulsed before the enemy had completed their landing. Great haste is supposed to have been made in the enemy's boats by our guns and cavalry.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

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FROM CHATTANOOGA.

The Richmond *Dispatch* of yesterday has the following:

CHATTANOOGA, Sept. 4.—The enemy were signaling all night on Walden's Ridge, but everything is remarkably quiet across the river to-day. There are no further indications of an advance on the part of Rosecrans.

The Knoxville *Register* has been removed to Charleston.

Capt. J. R. Rhodes of the 1st Confederate infantry, was shot at noon, to-day, for encouraging desertions from his own company, and the embezzlement of money from substitutes. He made a short speech, and I know of no more justice of the sentence. He said he had but little concern, and died without a struggle.

Lieut. Col. Adolph of the same regiment was cashiered and conscripted, yesterday, for having been concerned in the same offense.

CHATTANOOGA, Sept. 5.—Although the strain here is cited positively, there are no indications of an advance of the enemy; but a slight cause may bring on one at any moment. Our artillery at the ferry opened on the enemy at 4 o'clock this morning, for the purpose of ascertaining the strength of the position of the enemy's batteries. They responded promptly, and for half an hour a lively artillery duel was kept up, without injury to our side.

The discipline and health of the army are very fine. The troops are in the best of spirits.

Nothing further has been heard from Gen. Buckner's command.

The weather is fine and very warm.

FROM NORTH CAROLINA.

WASHINGTON, N. C., Sept. 6.—Hon. David Heaton, a representative of the Treasury Department, left here on the 31 inst., for Washington on important business of a commercial and civil character.

The Raleigh *Standard* is full of the proceedings of peace meetings from different counties, which fearlessly vindicate the course of the *Standard*.

THE TEXAS EXPEDITION.

Gen. Heintzelman, it is said, will be placed in command of the Texas expedition. His former services in that State, for a number of years, rendendering his appointment a good one.

NATIONAL BANKS.

Eight National banks, with a capital of ten and a half millions, have been authorized. The first installment of circulation notes will be ready in October.

FORT MONROE.

Fort Monroe, according to the report of foreign affairs, is isolated with one six and one eight hundred-pounder Blakely, intended for Rams, which are now building. These guns come by way of Nassau.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

No prisoners of war are hereafter to be released without the consent of the Department Commander, until a full inquiry into the history of the applicant.

NEW CONVENTION.

Gen. Rosecrans, with Andy Johnson, is establishing civil authority in loyal districts of Tennessee as rapidly as possible, with a view to the election of Congressmen to the next Congress. Nashville merchants now have come with endeavors of urging Mr. Chase to remove the present tariff on trade in the Southwest.

A NEAT ORDERED IN OHIO.

The Provost Marshal General has notified Gov. Tod that the Assistant Provost Marshal has been ordered to make a draft in Ohio for 18,000 men.

BUTLER ON THE FRONT.

Ben Butler will take the stump in Pennsylvania in a few days, for Gov. Curtin.

HEALTH OF THE ARMY.

Numerous cases of scurvy have occurred in the army of the Potomac. Rations of fresh meats and vegetables have been ordered to be issued at least once a week.

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The following are the facts: Owing to the intense darkness of the night, the engineer did not discover that a culvert had been swept away by the flood, until too late to stop the train, and the cars of the train, loaded with whisky and tobacco, were precipitated into the stream. The cars then took fire, and were entirely consumed. The bodies of the men who were killed were very much burned.

Ben Hopkins, one of the men engaged in stealing Morgan's horses, was arraigned before the United States Commissioner to-day, but was discharged, the weight of the evidence being on the side of the defense.

Major Gen. Dana arrived in this city today, and has taken rooms at the Burnet House. Nothing later has been received from Gen. Burnside's command.

FROM CAIRO AND BELOW.

[Special Dispatch to the Chicago Tribune.]

CAIRO, Sept. 9, 1863.

A number of refugees from Northern Alabama, some ten families in all, arrived here a day or two since. They give a gloomy account of affairs in that State for the Confederate cause. All who can do so are fleeing—deserting land, home, everything—to escape conscription and gain a position where they can secure something to eat and an immunity from persecutions and tyranny of Jeff. Davis and his satellites.

The refugees in question, are past to go to St. Louis and others to different parts of Illinois, where they have friends and relations. They have for a day or so been awaiting cars for transportation.

Gen. Sweeny, 1st Colonel of the 9th Illinois, is here this evening *en route* for Vicksburg.

The news from Memphis is of little importance. Some gentlemen connected with the telegraphic operations of that place gave a dinner the other day in honor of Col. W. L. Green, to whom an elegant gold watch was presented by Mr. Fuller, the present Manager at Memphis. Speeches were made, and on the whole it was a jolly and glorious occasion.

The *Bulletin* has Arkansas papers, but none of a late date. There is nothing further from Steele or Davidson than already forwarded.

CAIRO, Sept. 8.—The City of Alton left this morning, crowded with passengers, for Memphis and Vicksburg, among which were Maj. Dwersels Lucas and Burbridge, also Mr. Wm. F. Mellen, Treasury Agent, on his way to Memphis. Mr. Mellen has just returned from Washington, and we may soon expect news in regard to the re-opening of trade.

The steamer Julia arrived last night from New Orleans, making the run in six days. She brought New Orleans dates of the 3d. Brig. Generals Tuttle and Sweeny are here on their way South.

MORE ENGLISH WAR VESSELS FOR THE REBELS.

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A WORD TO KANSAS.

We can write of Kansas matters without bitterness, because we, living far from the scene of strife, but possessed of the amplest means of information, we can acquaint ourselves with the facts, without sharing the bitter passions and partisan animosities to which the fierce and life-long border warfare has given rise. And though we are now and have been for many years fully convinced that Kansas, through her citizens, has contributed to great signs and her chosen institutions, has endured wrong and outrage that are without parallel in the history of any other State; we warn the leaders of her people that the sentiment of the Northwest will not for one moment, justify them in opposing or going beyond the authority of the Federal Government in their efforts to quell rebellion. And we will tell them, plainly, why: The Government is laboring to do them justice; and though the character of its measures, the politics of its agents, and the tardiness of its motions do not accord with the zeal and impatience of Lane, Jennison and their followers, they must be content. We cannot afford to countenance a revolution within a revolution, even for the avenging of flagrant wrong. The President and his subordinates, acting within the limit of constitutional authority, must be obeyed in Kansas as everywhere. The safety of the country and the unity and effectiveness of the army are in the balance, when we hear that volunteer companies are preparing to invade Missouri, and are threatening to overturn all resistance to their purposes, no matter by whom offered, we tell the madmen that the country will not be with them; and that, if they are shot down in their lawlessness, they will die dishonored and unmourned. Swing may be all wrong; Schofield may be in sympathy with men whom he should hate; the outrage upon Lawrence was one of fearful atrocity, and it is unavenged. But Schofield and Swing, faulty as they are, must be endured; the punishment of the Lawrence butchers must be trusted to those who, unsolicited, would give justice the compulsion of murder. Were Buchanan the President of the United States, were Beauregard, as he probably would be, in the place of the Commander of the Department, and were all attempts to obtain redress useless, except by the employment of force, we should have other counsel to give. We would advise the attack of the enemy, but, as it is, we cannot justify slaughter or even the defiance of friends. The Administration is with the people of Kansas; and to its wisdom and activity they must trust. If not, the penalty is theirs. Let them be warned in time.

Doubtless the efforts of Kansas and Missouri, as at present stimulated, have been the occasion of more than one anxious debate in the council of the President and Commander-in-Chief. We think, nay we know, that the retention of Schofield, is an error, whether we consider his personal unfitness for his place, or the mistaken and dangerous policy that he has been persuaded to adopt and pursue; and while we have no words forcible enough to express our condemnation of the insanity of those hot-heads of the border, who are provoking resistance to his commands, we entreat the President, as he values the security of Missouri and the peace of his neighboring States, to review his opinion by the light of the new facts which the time present, with a view to a change of both the men and the measures by which that Department is guided. The case is pressing, the danger imminent.

A NOTABLE PRESENTIMENT.

It is, perhaps, a matter of regret that Gov. Seymour did not execute the threat of his friends, and, by an exercise of his gubernatorial authority, attempt to call the New York volunteers back to their homes. We think we know what consequence would have followed his effort; but as there is a precedent in the war of 1812, in which another Governor, quite sure that he was all right and the war was all wrong, essayed to do what Seymour would gladly try, we recite it to show our readers how great a measure of success may be expected when an Executive of a State grasps after the command of any portion, howsoever small, of the army of the Union. We quote from the Burlington (Vt.) *Free Press*, of Aug. 30th:

> In the fall of 1812, the war then being in active progress on our Northern frontier, a brigade of Vermont militia, which had been ordered into the service of the United States, was ordered to Plattsburg, to replace a force of Regular troops from New York which had been ordered to reinforce Major General Brown of Chippewa fame. In October, there having been an election of Governor by the people, Martin Chittenden of Williston, the Federal candidate for Governor, was elected by the Legislature, by a two vote. In his message he took strong federal ground in opposition to the war and the measures of the General Government, maintaining especially that the militia were destined exclusively for the service and protection of the respective States, and he carried out his principles too, by issuing a proclamation ordering the Vermont militia back to their homes. His proclamation to that effect was carried to Plattsburg, and copied for it distributed among the Vermont troops. This came to the notice of the commanding officer of the post, and the distributor of the documents having left the camp a guard was sent after him. He was brought back, was tried, convicted, and shot under the law of his home, and after a composition that he was in bad business, his pocket copies of the proclamation were destroyed before his face and he was summarily dismissed to his home. A reply to the order was immediately given up, signed in behalf of the Vermont troops, and addressed by a member of the officers of the regiments. In this reply the Governor was informed distinctly that the Vermont soldiers considered themselves in the service of the United States; that they doubted his right to order them home; that they considered the order an insult; that they could not understand the Governor's object unless it was to embarrass the Government; and that they did not propose to obey the order to leave the service of the country till legally and honorably discharged.
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> The soldiers of 1862, are, we take it, not a whit inferior to the Vermont volunteers of 1812 either in zeal or patriotism; and we dare assert that any messenger, from a Governor of a Northern State, to the troops thereof in any of the armies of the country, bearing a proclamation commanding them, upon gubernatorial authority, to return home, would be put to death by the first regiment in which his paper bullets was distributed. Seymour himself, with the odium of that New York riot clinging to him, would not be safe in any camp of men who have been a year in the field. Yellandigham, when he went through Rosecrans' lines, was moved in the night, by a strong force, to avoid his fate; and outrage which his known presence in the camp would have caused, he did not dare. Schofield is not now likely to offer conflict, though he is a Governor, a professional soldier by a shoulder-strap, and a Major-General. Lincoln, if he should do what present prospects could not effect, let Seymour try it, and carry his mandate himself.

POSTPONEMENT OF THE VETERAN ARMY BILL.

There is generally an unusual lull before a storm; and we have had for a long time not now, something more than a lull in this portentous calm. We are far from grumbling, however, at the apparent inaction of our armies, and are content to bide our time, and remember the battles which have been and those which are to come, with a perfect faith in the final issue of the conflict.

Little as we hear from the various fields of war, we may be certain that nobody is idle, and that everything is being done to make success a certainty whenever our old and tried veterans shall be called upon once more, and, we do believe, for the last time, to meet the enemy. The south however, are still formidable, and their armies will fight, too, some more desperately than ever, with the frenzy of desperation and despair. They are by no means to be despised, however, and our friends are well aware that it will require hard work and a good deal of it, before they can be finally and permanently subjugated.

This is no doubt the reason that we have heard, of late, so little from them or about them, and that their movements are shrouded in gloom and mystery. We anticipate, however, that in a very short interval this will be changed, and that the silence will be broken by the roar of battle and the shouts of victory.

In all probability, we shall hear of three grand battles before long. In Arkansas, Gen. Steele and Gen. Prince are threatening each other, with a force on either side of from twenty thousand men. Whenever they meet, there can be no reasonable doubt on which side victory will declare herself. The rebels are brave, desperate men, but they have not the discipline nor the superiority of the Federal troops; and if Price's army numbered double that of Steele, he would be sure to be beaten. Steele's success would give us the undisputed control of all Arkansas and Texas, and would be a terrible blow to the rebellion.

In Tennessee, Gen. Rosecrans is marching on Gen. Bragg at Chattanooga, and Burnside is on the track of Buckner. Both the rebel Generals have large armies under their command, and Bragg has, in all probability, been reinforced by ten thousand men from Gen. Johnston's forces. They are also strongly intrenched, and it is not unlikely that their forces are superior to those of the Yankees. We all know, however, of what sort of metal Rosecrans and Burnside are made, and the men who follow them are old and tried veteran warriors, who have been accustomed with death too often to face him in any shape which he may command. Our Generals are wary, and cautious, and will not attack the enemy in his intrenchments, unless they are pretty sure of beating him. If they succeed in this, it will be worse for rebellion than any disaster they might sustain in Arkansas.

The final blow, however, is to be struck between Washington and Richmond. There, under Meade and Lee, are marshalled the largest armies in the field, on either side; and it is impossible that long time should elapse before the issue is decided between them. Lee has a very large army under his command, and cannot afford to wait much longer. Meade is not much inferior to him in numbers, and is constantly being reinforced by tens of thousands of conscripts. He can wait—if necessary—for the attack; or he can compel Lee to accept a disadvantageous battle; and he will generally why him again if the Generals under him can wield their bayonets as effectively as they did at Gettysburg.

The next battle between the Army of the Potomac and the Army of Virginia will decide the fate of the rebellion.

A GERMAN MOVEMENT.

The New York *Tribune* gives the following as the outline of a plan elaborated by a Congress of German Princes at Frankfort, assembled for the purpose of consolidating the German States:

> There will be a Chamber of Representatives, composed of three hundred Deputies, of whom Austria will elect seventy-six, Prussia seventy-five, Bavaria twenty-five, Saxony twenty-five, Hanover fifteen, Baden twelve, and the minor States the rest. This Assembly, which will meet triennially, will pass resolutions on the Federal Budget, the right of peace and war, the right of capitulations and certain other points. An Assembly of Princes, to consist of all the sovereigns, the burgomasters of the four free cities, and two representatives of those princes who lost their sovereignty in 1866, will be established after each session of the Assembly of Representatives, in order to accept, or reject or modify the resolutions passed before them. A Federal Council, a Federal Directory of Plenipotentiaries of the minor States, to consist of two votes, one for the Plenipotentiaries of Austria and Prussia will have three votes each; what give the assent to war and peace. The executive power will be in the hands of a Directory, to consist of the Emperor of Austria, the King of Prussia, the Elector of Hesse, and two other States, elected for the term of three years, from a number of the states.
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> These are the propositions submitted by the Emperor of Austria. He, whose wants, the Prince Regent, Prussia, whose wants, the three-fourths of a century, our Government has been one of an Union of States, common-sense folks will fail to see any sufficient bond of unity in what the Emperor proposes. A legislature powerless to decree, and a quintuple Executive without a will to act, make but a bad beginning for an Empire which is to bear the laurels and civilities of peace and the shock of war. But, poor as the scheme is, as an attempt in the right direction, it will challenge the attention of all men who hear the German name; and nowhere will it be more sharply criticised than in the United States.

TUTTLE IN THE ARMY.

Our information from the states in which there are Iowa troops, is conclusive on one point: Gen. Tuttle, the soldier fighting for the Union, is remembered and honored; while Gen. Tuttle, the candidate of the Copperheads for Governor of Iowa, is detested and abhorred. In the latter character, he will not get five hundred votes out of all the men whom our gallant neighbor has sent to the field. It is a sad but terrible commentary on the vagaries of political ambition—this anomalous conduct of which the General is guilty. Fighting for the Union in the field, and fighting against it at home; associated on terms of intimacy and confidence with the soldiers in the camp, who every day offer to lay down their lives that the Union cause may triumph; but equally intimate with the politicians of his State, whose only object is to make the Union cause fail; nominated by a party that, in its resolutions, and by its most authoritative speakers, breathed nothing but hate and opposition to the war; but, running as the candidate of that party, on his declaration that the war is righteous and fit for prosecution to the bitter end; a loyal soldier, leave a bitter disloyal politician, well—there are a few of the contradictions in which the General is involved. Would it not be strange if, having such a load to bear, he could find anywhere a single soldier who will give him his support? Gen. Tuttle will be worse beaten than any other man who ever ran for Governor of his State.

RUMOR OF CHANGE.

Our Washington correspondent writes, in a letter printed to-day, that Gen. Hunter is to be ordered to Missouri forthwith, so believes Gen. Schofield. We have heard the report, and we shall be glad to know that it is something more than a rumor. Gen. Hunter would have the confidence of all parties in his Department; and by the vigor of his administration, we should hope that the disorders by which Missouri and Kansas are torn would be summarily suppressed. That the time for a change there has come, who that knows Gen. Schofield and his policy can doubt?

Letter from Gov. Yates—President's Visit.

BLOOMINGTON, Sept. 8, 1863.

To the Chicago Tribune:

Your Reporter did not get the idea I was intending to express, by saying to Mr. Lincoln, in my speech at the mass meeting. I by no means meant to say that I would not support him for President, and that he had committed a deep mistake. I said to you there not to make Presidents; that I had no one for President; (for Mr. Lincoln was not then a candidate) and that I was sure that it was no time to discuss such matters now; that Mr. Lincoln had committed many mistakes, as I thought at the time, but that he meant not all right; that he was President for the next two years and nobody could help it; that he had a very difficult task; that he was with great ability; that it was our duty to support him and the Government to the end; and that those who did not do so were traitors.

I will be your reporter the justice to say that some others seem to have misconstrued my meaning.

Which delay is immaterial to the country or to Mr. Lincoln; but justice to myself requires the correction. I believe that, since Washington, no man is more entitled to the gratitude of the country than Mr. Lincoln; and I wish to say that it was not now and not even now, but that the duty of the country should receive our undivided consideration.

Respectfully yours,

RICHARD YATES.

FROM SPRINGFIELD.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 6, 1863.

THE COPPERHEAD MEETING AT BEARDSTOWN.

The Copperhead meeting at Beardstown, the proceedings and resolutions of which were published in the *Press and Register*, it was thought, was not called together through the agency of the Secret Society. There was no public notice given of the meeting, nor was it known to a single Union man until the day appointed. The President of the meeting was from Morgan county, the Secretary from Schuyler and Fulton counties, in the name of the Secretary of Gen. Ewing, evidently showing that notice had been secretly given to people in these counties. The principal speakers were Hon. Lewis W. Ross, M. C. from the 6th Congressional District, Rev. made the same sort of speech indulged in a short time since, at Pleasant Plains, in this county. He told the Copperheads to arm themselves and be prepared to defend their homes; that they had a right to do so, &c. Against whom are they to arm themselves? Why, against "the vile abolitionists," as the Copperheads call the very organs in enforcing the laws. Ross is not, evidently, cut out for a politician. He is mentally too heavy and slight—mass of matter, brute force, who allows others to do his thinking for him, and has not even the ability to interpret their thoughts in a clear and forcible manner. Ewing, who is ranting the office of public teacher.

A shop named J. Henry Shaw also spoke. He is a vulgar Yankee. His great point was that the Government was prolonging the minds of the army against the Democracy, and had also a large navy to carry out its purposes. As to prolonging the minds of the army, the Copperhead Democracy has done more towards this than Lincoln could had he been President for forty years.

A fellow named Fred. Rearick was the other speaker, and if war coming out of the little end of a very small horn when his turn came. Rearick devoted himself to personally abusing a political opponent; and as he was returned by a band of armed supporters, he could very bravely do it.

There is no doubt that the meeting was one of the results of the secret conclave at Chicago on the 4th of August, to which two delegates had been sent from this county.

UNION MEETINGS IN SCHUYLER AND OTHER COUNTIES.

Union meetings are being held constantly in the southern and central portions of this state. Last Saturday there was a large meeting in Schuyler county, on Saturday last. Three good speeches were made; the first by Mr. Trumbull, of Macomb; the second by Mr. Wheat, of Macomb; and the third by Capt. Roach, of McDonough. The Captain's speech is pronounced excellent; the others logical and convincing. There were no arms, no threats, no whisky, no Copperheads at the meeting, but, on the other hand, every thing passed off most harmoniously.

An unconditional Union meeting was also held in the Pale Dominoes, of Fulton county, on the 25th ult. The officers were: A. Job, President; Dr. Tothacary, James Van Eaton, Jacob Teple, Jas. Wilson, L. B. Freeman and George Peterson, Vice presidents; L. S. Allard, Secretary, Mr. T. S. Ketchum, of Jacksonville, spoke in the forenoon, and Dr. Cartwright in the afternoon. Dr. Cartwright also made a short but effective speech. By the by, I notice that the Copperheads claim Dr. Cartwright as one of them, and even have the impudence to advertise him at some of their treasonable gab-fests. He is a thorough Union man, as the evening speeches were made by Mr. Brearly, of Pekin, and Judge Waller, of Lacon. I learn that from the German Lutheran by Mr. Ketchum and much shouting and cheering for his excellency.

CENTRAL UNION CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE.

The Conference of the Central Union Christian Church was lately held in Washington, Co., Indiana. Resolutions were passed with overwhelming unanimity from all that sympathize with, or by word or deed give aid and comfort to those in arms against the Government.

ILLINOIS COLLEGE.

I telegraphed you that Prof. Bartlett, the able Superintendent of this College, has just returned from Europe. This institution is located at Jacksonville, and will be opened for the course of studies for the next year on the 10th inst. The corps of instructors remains unchanged. Prof. Bartlett will send a catalogue to all applicants with that those opportunities will treasure, the Copperheads, all over the State, are crabbing, cursing the Legislature for the good order and reputation of this college, which is one of the oldest institutions of learning in the State; and for what reason? Simply cause of the decided and outspoken loyalty of the Faculty and students. I am glad to see, however, that no far their efforts have failed. It is true that nearly one-half the graduates are now in the army of the Union, which, with the general effect of the war upon the country, has of course diminished the number of its students. Its organization, however, is unbroken, its efficiency unimpaired, its Faculty unchanged, its classes still standing, and in respectable numbers. The patriotic citizens of the State should fully by its support.

SALE OF LAND NEAR SPRINGFIELD.

On Saturday last, Gen. John Williams, executor of the estate of Abraham Lucas, sold at auction a fine farm, over thirty-two acres of land, including a house, &c., situated about a mile and a half from this city. The farm was bought from the heirs of Lucas and in this vicinity. Lots Nos. 1 and 2, containing 2 70-100 acres each, brought $600 per acre; lot No. 3, containing 11 15-100 acres (including homestead), brought $510 per acre, Mrs. Van Bergen was the purchaser. Lot No. 4, containing 11 15-100 acres (timber lot), brought $154 per acre. Mr. A. Westlake was the purchaser.

JAMES C. CONKLING, ESQ.

I neglected to speak of the kindness and attention of this gentleman, who is a leading man of the great Union meeting, to all persons having business to do with him in connection therewith. Mr. Conkling is a young man, his heart is in the cause, and his time and money are always at its service.

I see that E. D. Stiles, of Dixon refused an invitation of Major Pope, to introduce Mr. (Stiles) to Gen. Logan, at the Tremont House a few days ago, which Mr. Stiles (who, by the introduction to any other Union man, Stiles was against that true patriot) E. B. Washburne (Gen. Logan's friend) is a good Union and war man. After having been beaten he came down to Springfield, and in the Congressional Convention, made a speech in favor of Mr. Washburne's nomination. Out of the committee himself told me that Stiles was one of the worst men in it, so far as opposition to the war and the Government were concerned. The resolutions, when reported, were bad enough, but they were not copper enough for this man Stiles. He had better "look out."

CONDITION OF THE STATE BREWERY.

The following letter is from a United States Government officer, who has been travelling on official business through the 19th district of this State. It indicates a condition of affairs in that part of the State which demands the immediate attention of the Government:

> To the Editor of the Chicago Tribune:
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> SIR: There has not arrived yet, a year (or day) through this (16th) Congressional District, I find the public mind in an alarming condition. Nothing but the presence of a military force can prevent outrages and murder in the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22d, 23d, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32d, 33d, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42d, 43d, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52d, 53d, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62d, 63d, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72d, 73d, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82d, 83d, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92d, 93d, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102d, 103d, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122d, 123d, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132d, 133d, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142d, 143d, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 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THE SIEGE OF CHARLESTON

Why the Shelling of the City was Discontinued.

WHEN THE AID THE PARROTT GUNS.

(From the Boston Transcript)

A gentleman of much intelligence recently visited Morris Island (Sun in hand manual for observation), and gathering information, and observing what he saw, and of interesting facts connected with the siege of Charleston, which throw much light on the history of which there is the reason why Gen. Gillmore did not commence the bombardment of Charleston with the "Greek fire" shells, was because the shells were not ready and had not been on hand. Shells, which were ready from a gun placed at an angle of fifty-eight degrees, took their flight in the air, and, with a longitudinal slow, steady motion, but, upon reaching the earth, took downward course of fifty-two degrees, and did not explode. Only two fire-balls were ready for use, one which fell into a storehouse, and another which fell in a street. This peculiar motion and manner of the shell was a very great drawback in military practice, then for the first time made, and the ammunition department was not furnished with a supply for the subsequent continuance. To take a shell from the gun over the heads of the rear of the fleet. This fuse, which will not mature all right, was of no use. Fire, and have shelling, Fort Moultrie, Sullivan's Island, before this, and very likely Charleston is at the present moment. The shells intended for the "Greek fire" shells, which were to be fired, have been ordered for the hundredth day of the month of June. The gun from which the shells were first fired was a 200 pounder Parrott, which can throw a shell 80 feet three miles, when aimed at an angle of forty-two degrees. The first shell went over Charleston, the gun being aimed too sharp, we might. Our gunners will be pleased to learn that Gen. Gillmore has no fear that quietly Parrott guns mounted that will throw shells plump into Charleston. Also that the use of Greek fire shells is doubtful that real stronghold was personally ordered by President Lincoln. The Greek fire burns for twenty minutes. It will burn on the water as well as on land, and each shell covers surface of one hundred square feet, with fume. The shell burst into about one hundred and twenty pieces, of ten times as many as the Parrott shell. Of course the effect of these shells will be to set Charleston in flames, which nothing can subdue.

In addition to the Greek fire shells, a large quantity of Greek fire shells, made by the inventor of the Greek fire shell, and consisting from five hundred to one thousand balloons, have been sent to Morris Island, to be transferred Charleston into the rebellious city in a manner not very pleasing to the enemy. These shells are fired with time fuses, and are very destructive of life. The engineers have ready for use the Parrott gun which General Gillmore has, weighs twenty-two thousand pounds. It took two thousand men blue signals to get the monster into position, the drag ropes breaking down seven times in succession, the enemy shelling the fleet all the while, and the fleet firing slightly. Nothing was done with it by day, the gun being covered with leaves to conceal it from the enemy's view. The Rebels discovered the boys in tan jackets, the charge of powder twenty-five pounds, and the shell that gone out of it is as high as a large barrel weighs three hundred pounds, and contains seventeen pounds of mortar powder. The construction of one of these shells on Sumter is considered equal to three 300 pounds shells. Only two of these immense rifled guns have been made, although twenty more have been ordered for the army. Some have been ordered for the navy. Gen. Gillmore has one of them, but another has just been sent to him. The 300 pounder when it exploded was in charge of an infantry regiment, who have never fired a cannon between his life. He was continued that some accident would happen if he was not very careful. On the twenty-fifth round the shell, containing seventeen pounds of powder, was filled, the percussion fuse was screwed half way down, and could not be pushed down. The captain, in charge, said "Let it go at that." The consequence was that when discharged the fire communicated from by the thread to the shell, causing the latter to explode before it left the gun, and breaking off twenty inches of the muzzle. The gun was repaired and got ready for an attack in twenty-four hours. It was fired at 6 o'clock, and was firing again on Sunday as well as ever. These guns have been fired with forty pounds of powder, and send a ball through nine inches of wrought iron plates, and two feet of oak timber by which the iron was backed. It has also sent a ball through twenty feet of earth. The larger gun having a rifle bore is made the steadier and truer the ball or shell is sent—indeed, the project of a rifle bore was first by Mr. E. F. Poe, the inventor of these guns, commenced making them in 1860, at his own expense, continuing his experiments without aid from the Government, till the rebellion broke out. He then began to make ten pounders, and his now advanced from that small beginning to these hundred pounders. He is at present engaged in a five hundred pounder, and if successful will try a two-thousand-pounder. Over twenty five hundred of these guns have been made by Mr. Parrott, who furnishes them at a less cost than the Government can make them at its own forges; indeed, supplying them at a trifle above cost, depending upon shells, which he furnishes to the Government, for his profits. Another fact which is very creditable to him is, that when the price of iron and of labor advanced he did not raise his prices, although all the other foundries in the country did. About thirty three of these guns, ranging from three hundred to ten pound calibre, are turned out weekly at Mr. Parrott's establishment, the West Point Foundry, at Cold Springs, New York.

The demand for rifle cannon is now so great that the foundries of this country are unable to supply them, and extensive orders are sent to Europe. The State of Massachusetts alone has ordered twenty from abroad.

SCAN. MAIL IN ROYAL CERCLES.

A Woman Claims the Prince of Wales as her Husband.

HAPPENING BEFORE COURT, London, August 24, 1863.

The Rev. James Roe, of the Oratory, Brompton, attended before Mr. Dayman to answer a summons charging him with detaining, without just cause, a gold watch and chain, the property of Margaret Agnes Smith.

Mr. Dickie, instructed by Mr. Wedon, of Chancery lane, appeared for the complainant, and Mr. Fry for the defendant.

The plaintiff in the charge in the summons was that the defendant had her watch.

The complainant, a respectable looking woman, about thirty-five years of age, stated that, in September, 1861, she was employed by Albert Edward Gudgin, at No. 7 Valet's Place, Brompton, by Cardinal Wiseman, according to the rites of the Roman Catholic church. Many years previously, on the evening after the celebration of the marriage, Father Roe, who remained with her, wished her to other apartment. She refused, and because she refused he said that she should not have the certificate of her marriage to show to the public. He forced it from her by violence, and ill-used her in a cruel manner. He took her certificate from her pocket and drew her ring off by his teeth. She could not tell exactly the date of the marriage. Her property prevented her from taking proceedings before. She had never seen him since. He promised to come the next morning. Her mistress was entirely forced open her. She had a copy of it in her pocket, and dressed to her Majesty. She never received any answer.

The complainant was then cross-examined, and she gave several addresses at which she had lived during the present year, the last one being No. 19 Clifton street, Regent's Park. She did not wish to marry Mr. Gudgin when she married. The gentleman who married her told her that her name was Agnes Gudgin. She told the name of Gudgin by the right of her marriage and her maiden name. It was her business whether she ever went by the name of Roe. She did not wish to answer any question as to where she first met Albert Edward Gudgin. She went abroad with him three years ago. He did not return with her. Three persons in whose carriage she was placed returned with her. Father Roe knew him. At the marriage Father Roe, Father Rodewy and many others were present. She had no friends with her. The marriage took place in her room. He was in the house three weeks before he took place. He demanded her as his cousin and wife. Father Roe signed the register, also Cardinal Wiseman. After the marriage Albert Edward left the house, after remaining two hours. He left her in charge of Father Roe, and to try and get her into a convent. She left a week afterwards. She went to No. 19 Queen's gardens. She had written to Father Roe demanding her ring and her certificate, and he never answered her letter. One letter was written by him and sent by Mr. Fry. It was an application for the certificate of her marriage.

Mr. Fry questioned her as to the title of the gentleman who she alleged had married her.

The complainant then said his title was his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and he was well known to Father Roe.

The defendant was sworn, and said that he had seen the complainant several times. He did not always know her in the name of Mrs. Gudgin. He never knew her in the name of Gudgin until he received the summons, and he did not recognized her as a person who applied to Mr. Paynter, at the Westminster Police Court. She told Mr. Paynter that her husband was a chemist in Oxford, and that he was under his influence he took the certificate from her. Her statement about the marriage was utterly false, as far as he was concerned.

By Mr. Dickie—He knew that she was a Roman Catholic by reading her prayer book at Oxford. She told him that she was in great destitution, and at her request he got her into an asylum.

The complainant then called out that for several of 1,000 a year from his Royal Highness for her boy. She also said that she had known her for three years.

Father Rodewy said that he was present when the marriage was celebrated. He was the priest of the place. He was present at the ceremony. He had never seen the defendant since.

Mr. Dickie said he had subpoenaed the priest, but he was not present. He was present at the marriage. He was present at the ceremony. He had never seen the defendant since.

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GEN. LAGRANGE BOND'S PAMPHLET.—The speech delivered by this fearless War Democrat, in Chicago, on the 13th inst., has been published in pamphlet form, and is furnished from this office at two dollars per hundred copies. Those wishing a document that has the ring of the true metal, will enclose the money to us, and the pamphlet will be forwarded by return mail. Every patriot in the army should have a copy, and every Loyal League should see to it that the document is placed in the hands of every thinking man within their respective districts.

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FOUND.—A note for $100, payable to the order of Cornelia B. Sherman, was found on the street yesterday morning. The owner can have it by calling at the Tribune office.

INAUGURATION.—The Board of Directors of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary will meet in the North Presbyterian Church, this evening (Thursday), at 7½ o'clock, at which time Dr. Charles Elliott, D. D., will deliver his inaugural address, and be inducted into office as Professor in the Seminary.

CONTRACT AWARDED.—The contract for the filling and paving with Nicholson pavement of West Lake street, from the drive to the east side of Halsted street, was awarded last night to C. D. Bestolfen. The contract price for paving is $68,000, while the price for rails is $14 per cord, amounting altogether to about $80,000.

THE CHICAGO PRESBYTERY.—The regular semi-annual session of the Chicago Presbytery of the New School Presbyterian Church was held yesterday in Calvary Church, corner of Ringgold Place and Indiana Avenue. C. J. Hutchins of Racine was chosen Moderator, and D. A. Bassett of Au Sable Grove, Temporary Clerk. The business transacted was not of public interest.

PROMOTED.—Major Edward W. Smith, (formerly of this city), of the 19th regular infantry, and now Assistant Adjutant General on Gen. Gillmore's staff, at South Atlantic, S. C., has recently been promoted, for merit, to the rank of Lieut. Colonel, his commission bearing date July 1st. He still retains his position as Adjutant General of the Department of the South.

HANDBILL WEEKLY CHRONICLE.—Almost the whole trade from North Missouri is dealing into Chicago, and business men of this city are beginning to be interested in enquiries in the *Handbill Weekly Chronicle*, which is the first class advertising medium, and has a larger circulation in that section among country merchants than any other paper.

PERSONAL.—Hon. T. T. Davis, Member of Congress elect from the Onondaga (N. Y.) District, is stopping at the Tremont House.

—The gallant Lieutenant Colonel Burton, of the Seventh, was in the city yesterday. He returns to the army after a brief furlough.

—Capt. Geo. S. Dunn, Aid-de-Camp to Brigadier General T. E. G. Ransom, was in town yesterday.

MADAME ANNA BISHOP'S CONCERTS.—This celebrated Contralto, assisted by Gustave Satter, violinist, and Mr. A. Sedgwick, the Bath Vocalist, will give the 3 brilliant musical festivals at the Museum Entertainment Hall on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, of this week, with a change of programme for each evening. Tickets 50 cents; children 25 cents; which will also admit to the Museum on the same evening.

THE NIAGARA EXCURSION.—The Committee having the Railroad Excursion to Niagara in hand request us to urge those who expect to participate in the pleasures of the trip to secure their tickets at an early day, in order that they may make the necessary arrangements for their accommodation on the way and at the Falls. Thus, where your tickets at once for the Niagara Excursion on the 12th, for the benefit of the most interesting and ready motion association in the city. Get good and do good.

COOK COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.—This Institute will hold two sessions of one week each, as follows, viz: At Blue Island, commencing on Monday the 27th day of September, at 10 o'clock a. m., and at Palatine, commencing on Monday, the 4th day of October, at 10 o'clock a. m. All persons holding Teachers' Certificates are requested to be present at either the one or the other of the above sessions. The State Superintendent, the Principal of Northern Normal University, and other efficient lecturers are expected to address the teachers. All teachers, and especially those desiring certificates, should be present promptly at the opening of the session. Certificates will be given, free of charge, to each of the teachers. The good people of Blue Island and Palatine offer free entertainment to fully teachers. Arrangements will also be made for board gratuitous at low rates. A Social Reunion will be held on Friday evening of each session.

THE OLD FOLKS CONCERT.—The excellence of the entertainment at Bryan Hall last night by the "Old Folks," took the audience completely by surprise. They were not prepared for an exhibition so unique and interesting. The hall was well filled, the house appreciative, performers and audience in consummate harmony, and everything went off pleasantly. The costume worn by the singers was that of a hundred years ago—the men in coats, breeches and buckles, the ladies altogether delightful in crinolins and poke bonnets, in consummate head-dresses, caps and ringlets, behind which sparkling eyes peered out laughingly. The "Singing Master" was dressed in a black velvet suit, and sported a wig with a mighty queue, ruffles, cuffs, and gave full "Law" with the utmost gravity, like his prototype of "olden time." Old Connecticut Hartford, Green, and a host of forgotten tunes were given with great spirit, and received merited applause. To-night the concert is repeated, and the hall will be filled to its very available feet of space in the Hall occupied. Every dollar of the receipts are devoted to the Soldiers' Home, and this consideration, even if the entertainment were much less meritorious than it is, should fill the house.

ARLINGTON, LEON & DONAHUE'S MINSTRELS.—The Academy of Music was crowded last night to hear the rent of $1,000 to enjoy our money in the Superior Court in an action of trespass, brought by Silvia Kelly et al. (Arlington, Leon & Donahue's Minstrels.) The plaintiffs claim that they by permission of the Hall under an unexpired lease and intended to commence in the same their dulcet harmonies, and posted on the 6th of July last, on the 1st of the present month, that the Hall should be closed the 1st and middle of July last, defendants took possession of the Hall, removed their furniture, pianos, money, furniture, &c., and placed other parties in possession (and that, consequently, plaintiffs are put to the otherwise unnecessary expense of renting a new Hall, and, in the interim, of suffering a loss of numerous engagements, and the infliction of an enormous price, and have sustained other injury to the amount of eighty-three hundred dollars.

THE LIFE PRESERVER IN THE STORM.—From a passenger who was on the Lady Franklin when she was overtaken by the terrible gale of the 9th and 10th, we have been favored with a graphic account. The fleet left Chicago Friday evening, and found no unpleasant sea. The passengers retired early, but were startled about eleven o'clock by the rolling and tumbling of the furniture in the cabin and the lashing of the rigging. They got up, turned the tables on the gimbals, and the gentlemen did what they could to quiet the fear manifested by the ladies. The sea became tumultuous, the wind increased, the mast in fears lest the wind should be crowded, for a time, or would be left a little. The ones had taken a decided turn to thirty than seven to St. Joseph, preferring to arrive at the usual hour—six o'clock. The boat had passed, the fleet and the wind and the sea of the heat and the wind, and the boat dashed down keeping up steam, to free the steam. The passengers were called upon to hold themselves in readiness for the lifeboat, and prepared lines for the hold. The Captain then went to bed, and the lady passengers began to feel, and the gentlemen began to feel